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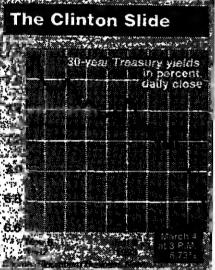
30-Year U.S. Treasury Falls to 6.72% Amid Employment Pessimism

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches WASHINGTON -Two weak U.S. economic reports released Thursday pushed yields in the bond market down to their lowest levels ever as investors bet that the Federal Reserve would have to lower interest rates to keep the recovery on track.

The benchmark 30-year U.S. Treasury bond's yield tumbled to 6.72 percent from 6.78 percent after the Labor Department reported that unemployment claims surged in the latest

Claims jumped by 26,000 in the week ended Feb. 20, underlining the sluggish creation of jobs in the United States. Most analysts had expected a decline in the figure, which was all the more surprising because the working week was shortened by the President's Day holiday.

Adding to the gloom was a report by the Commerce Department, which said orders received by U.S. factories fell in January at the



teepest rate in five months, primarily because of weaker demand for aircraft and parts. The 1.3 percent drop in orders, to \$254.99 billion was the biggest monthly drop since a 2.2 per-

cent decline last August.

Both figures confirm the pattern of slowing economic growth in the early part of this year after brisk expansion in the fourth quarter of

"There could be more weakness ahead for the economy," said Marco Babic; an economist at Evans Economics. "This will lend support for President Clinton's plan to stimulate the econo-

my."
The bond market railied for the second. See MARKET, Page 12

Bond Yields U.S. Makes an Arrest in Tower Bombing



HEALTH COSTS — Hillary Rodham Clinton at a New Orleans steel mill, where she ators John B. Breaux and J. Bennett Johnston, and Representative William J. Jeff-

discussed health care Thursday with uninsured workers. With her, from left, are Senerson. The White House rebuffed the medical lobby on a bigger say in reform. Page 3.

Airdrop Shows Limits of U.S. Policy in Bosnia Accurate Delivery Proves Too Risky

By Michael R. Gordon . New York Times Service

WASHINGTON — Although the Clinton administration has presented the sirdrop of relief supplies into Bosnia-Herzegovina as a demonstration of resolve to protect the beleaguered Bosnian Muslims, the mission has instead come to symbolize the limitations of American policy.

In four days of airlifts, American C-130s have dropped almost 77 tons of food and medicine, aiming at spots near three Bosnian towns. A considerable amount appears to have been delivered where it was intended.

But, as is the case with the ground convoys' carrying food and medicine into the region, much of the assistance has been diverted. And the first priority of the forces delivering the aid appears to be to protect themselves, and not

run any serious risks in delivering the aid. By attacking one of the Bosman towns that the Americans are trying to reach, the Serbs have also disrupted the operation without pen-alty. Although the United States has said it is trying to stop the Serbs from starving the

Bosnian Muslims out of their towns, the administration and the rest of the world have watched from afar as the Serbs attacked the very people whom Washington was trying to

Bill Clinton's campaign oratory on the Bal-kans was sweeping and ambitious. Just before his inauguration in January, he sent what

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seemed a strong message, declaring that "the legitimacy of ethnic cleansing cannot stand." But from the beginning, the objectives of the airdrop were far more limited. By the time it was aunounced, the administration, under pressure from European governments and the international negotiators, Cyrus R. Vance and Lord Owen, had backed away from candidate Clinton's suggestions that Washington consid-

er arming the outgumed Bosnian government or conducting air strikes against the Serbs. Unlike those Ideas, the airdrop was never

See AIRDROP, Page 4

Moderate Serbs See the Road to Peace

By Craig R. Whitney New York Times Service BELGRADE - Surprisingly, the recent

military airdrops of humanitarian supplies into eastern Bosnia-Herzegovina by the United States, and the offer of similar actions by Russia, have been welcomed by many Serbs who see U.S.-Russian cooperation within the United Nations as the only hope of ending the

It is not clear how much influence any of these people have on the president of Serbia, Slobodan Milosevic. The United Nations has binked much of the violence to his nationalistic

But those who suggest that the time has come for compromise include the principal foreign policy adviser to President Dobrica Cosic of the rump Yugoslav federation and Serb intellectuals who say they are appalled by the violence and at what international sanctions are doing to their country.

All of them agree that it will take a major UN peacekeeping force to enforce a cease-fire among Serbs, Croats and Muslims in Bosnia and disputed areas of Croatia where most of

the recent fighting has taken place.
Real peace, they feel, will take many years to restore in a part of the world where people of different cultures and religions have been tearng each other apart for bundreds of years. "It is a time for bumility and reconsideration for all considered," said Svetozar Stojan-

U.S. rejects suggestion that Bosnia airdrops could spark terrorism or a wider war, Page 2.

ovic, Mr. Cosic's adviser. "There must he pressure on all three sides to reach an agreement, ont even after it is reached, UN troops will have to come in to separate the combatants. Perhaps they could start in the big places, like from there."

As he and other Serbian defense intellectuals here see it, Mr. Milosevic and the Serbian government he leads should not be the only largets of international sanctions.

There's not a single evil mastermind behind See SERBS, Page 4

Muslim Held, By the FBI, Search On for Accomplices

NEW YORK - FBI agents on Thursday arrested a man described as a Muslim funda-mentalist in the bombing of the World Trade Center and said accomplices were being sought.

The suspect was arrested when he tried to recover a \$400 deposit on a rented van he claimed had been stolen. Officials believe the same van was used to transport the bomb to the garage under the World Trade Center. The vehicle was destroyed when the explosives were

The suspect was taken into custody after he presented the rental agency with identification papers covered with nitrates, a government source told The Associated Press. Nitrates are found in some explosives, and traces of nitrates were discovered at the blast site.

The arrest appeared to mark a major breakthrough in solving the most fearsome U.S. bombing in years. The enormous blast in a garage under the 110-story twin towers — the world's second-tallest buildings — killed five people and injured more than 1,000 others. An FBI official identified the suspect as

Salama Mohammed, 26, of Jersey City, New Jersey. Jersey City is at the other end of the Holland Tunnel from lower Manhattan where the World Trade Center stands. Seen from the New Jersey side of the Hudson River, the mammoth trade

center towers dominate the eastern skyline. A government source said the suspect was a member of a Muslim fundamentalist group. FBI agents told the Jersey City police that the man was affiliated with a mosque attended by suspects in the assassinations of President Anwar Sadat of Egypt and the Israeli rightist extremist Meir Kahane, a Jersey City official

At a press conference in Washington, acting Attorney General Stuart Gerson said: "We're interested in more than the single individual who has been apprehended."

He would not provide further details, except to say that the suspect would be arraigned in

New York later in the day. The suspect, who was arrested without inci-dent, is believed to belong to a terrorist organi-zation and is not an American national, a government source said.

Another source said the FBI was weighing a theory that the bombing was staged in retaliation for the Gulf War, in which the United States ousted the Iraqi Army from Kuwait. The blast last Friday occurred on the second anni-

FBI investigators were trying to determine if the suspect had acted under Iraqi sponsorship, the source said. The suspect had been known to the FBI in the past as a result of the bureau's counterterrorism efforts, the source added.

A Clinton administration official cautioned, however, that the evidence of Mideast terrorist

involvement was "iffy."

The FBI director, William S. Sessions, at the news conference with Mr. Gerson, declined to comment when pressed for details, including whether officials helieved the bombing had been the work of a terrorist group.

Mr. Gerson said, "I know things that I won't

The White House spokesman, George Ste-phanopoulos, said President Bill Clinton had been called by the Justice Department about

the arrest. Mr. Stephanopoulos declined to discuss what

the suspect might be charged with, or whether the case related to international terrorism. "All I can say is, an arrest has been made," he said. "I can't comment on it beyond to confirm

Investigators turned up fragments of a rental van reported stolen the day of the blast that could have carried the bomb, a source said. The charred pieces were scattered around the perimeter of the blast site, indicating that the van might have held the explosives, the source said.

The van was rented from the Ryder company on Feb. 23, four days before the blast, at an agency in Jersey City, said the source, an executive of the rental firm who declined to be identified

CNN reported that the FBI set up something akin to a "sting" to arrest the suspect.

According in the network, investigators found part of a vehicle-identification number for a van found in the wreckage of the bombing. They traced the number to a van rented from a Ryder agency in Jersey City. All vehicles operated in the United States carry such a number. usually nn the dashboard. Engine numbers also

are required. The suspect was said to have used his real name when he phoned the Ryder agency to report the van as stolen after the bombing occurred. He was told that he had to report the theft in the police, which he did.

Two FBI agents posing as Ryder employees were at the agency Thursday when the suspect arrived to elaim the \$400 casb deposit he had made to rent the van. After some dickering, the suspect was given his cash deposit and was arrested by a swarm of agents after be walked

off the rental agency property.

FB1 agents told the Jersey City police that
the suspect was affiliated with the Salam Mosque in Jersey City, according to Brian Dorf, a spokesman for the Jersey City mayor. Brett Shundler.

Also known to have worshiped at that mosque were Sayyid Nosair, who was acquitted in 1991 of assassinating Rabbi Kahane in New York City but convicted of related crimes, and Sheikh Omar Abdel Rahman, who was questioned in the Kahane killing and faces possible

deportation to Egypt. The police later found literature in Mr. Nosair's apartment on bomb-making procedures and a list of names that included a member of Congress and two federal judges. Mr. Nosair. born in Egypt was New York City mainte-

The sheikh has been living in self-imposed exile in the United States since he was acquitted

See ARREST. Page 4

Germany Blazes an Industrial Trail East

By Tom Redburn

MLADA BOLESLAV, Czech Republic Not long ago, automobiles produced at the big Skoda factory complex in this dingy company town about a hour's drive northeast of Prague came in just two basic colors, with windows that did not roll all the way down and doors that closed with a tinny clang.

But today, less than two years after Volkswagen AG took control of the operation in what is still the largest single Western investment project in Eastern Europe, sharply improved Skodas already are rolling off the assembly line in greater numbers and variety than ever before. And with them, as the new cars start moving across Europe, is coming the first tangible evidence of an expanding industrial empire that is gradually beginning to spread

from a rich but beleaguered Germany to the newly free, but much poorer, countries lying in its considerable shadow It is post-Cold War, post-Maastricht and

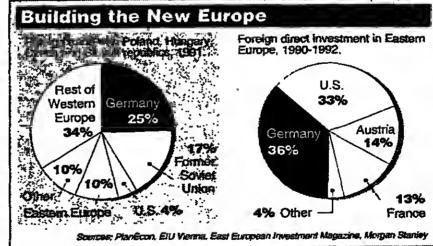
post-1992," said David Roche, chief European investment strategist at Morgan Stanley International in London. "Another new European order is being cast, with Germany at its core. "Even as all eyes are on the problems of Western Europe and the chaos in the Balkans,

in Central and Eastern Europe a potentially powerful economic sphere is in the making."
Mr. Roche added. "The real battleground for political power, investment, growth and influence in the new Europe is the East."

Despite the recent sharp investment increase by companies from other countries - particularly the United States and Italy -in such East European trailblazers as Poland, Hungary and the newly spbi Czech and Slovak republics, the dominant economic player in the region is still clearly Germany. That is especially true in the economically promising Czech Republic, which has a long industrial tradition dating back to the Austro-Hungarian empire and a stable gov-eroment with a deep public commitment to a rapid transformation from communism to capi-

Of the estimated \$2.7 billion in foreign investment through the end of 1992 in what was then Czechoslovakia (nine-tenths went to the Czech Republie), German companies accounted for nearly 40 percent. Half of the new industry ventures with foreign investment have had German partners. Meanwhile, U.S. business was in second place, contributing slightly

See EAST, Page 13



High-Stake Swiss Vote: Whether to Gamble a Solid Image on Big-Time Casinos government 150 million francs a year in taxes.

By Brandon Mitchener International Herald Tribune

Switzerland, a country that conjures images of chocolate, secretive banks and cuckoo clocks, is facing a change that critics say would add poker, prostitution and loud music at three

Whether to allow serious casino gambling is the question facing voters on Sunday, and op-

ponents say disaster would be the result. "We cannot shut our eyes," said Andre Bronimanu, a Lausanne lawyer leading the fight against what he sees as an open invitation to disaster.
"Switzerland is strong. Our banks are full of gold, our workers are industrious, our politicians are serious. Why do we need casinos?" Increased revenue for the government is one reason. A preliminary decision on ending the

Swiss ban on big-time gambling is due Sunday, when voters cast ballots on a constitutional amendment supported by the tourist industry, the government and unions. Sources said the outcome was likely to be close.

By Gustav Niebuhr

ington Post Service

WASHINGTON - Harold Camping, who

heads a chain of 38 Christian radio stations,

calls the cult leader David Koresh "a terrible

Before Mr. Koresh's sect, the Branch Davi-

dians, shot it out with federal agents in Waco,

Texas, this week, Mr. Koresh got involved in

apocalyptic prophecy, reportedly telling fol-

lowers that his unmatched biblical knowledge

would allow him to unleash earth-shaking ca-

tastrophes and guarantee cult members pas-

sherration.

sage to heaven.

The Swiss have never been big gamblers. They banned gambling in 1874 after Geneva

lawmakers determined in take the fun out of losing money limited the highest stake to 5 Swiss tranes (\$3.35).

"Then that was probably the price of a bottle of wine, and now it's the price of twn beers." scoffed Pierre Triponez, the director for a union of small business and leader of the campaign to

If the amendment wins majorities of the popular and cantonal votes, parliament will set a new limit on bets, probably a couple of gained an unwelcome reputation for wildness. legalize higher stakes. Proponents say the bundred frames, and change age rules and Though gambling was decriminalized in 1956, change could help attract tourists and bring the expand the kinds of games that can be played. bundred francs, and change age rules and

A Prophesier Worries About Business Apocalyptic scenarios appeal tn groups like the Brench Davidians, which are characterized by "militant elitism or exclusivism," said Ron will rise to heaven, while the rest will start serving eternal sentences in hell, according to Mr. Camping. The 71-year-old president of Enroth, professor of sociology at Westmont Family Stations Inc. in Oakland, California.

> copies are in print. "I would say it is thoroughly based on bibli-

> has detailed his research in a 552-page paper-

Cult leader releases another child. Page 3.

cal data that can be checked out," he said. "And the big question is: Are you ready?" As the troubled 20th century draws to a close, the United States has become a land echoing with the rumble of apocalypue proph-

Most comes from peaceful voices crying out in a largely secular wilderness. A few, like Mr. Camping, are both well-known and respected

use prophecy to "tighten the noose of memberback called "1994?" of which more than 40,000 ship." predicting a future "where only they will be saved," he said. As many as 600 groups and individuals are engaged in proclaiming the coming of "global transformations" often featuring warfare,

floods and earthquakes, said Ted Daniels, who runs the Millennium Watch Institute in Philadelphia and publishes a newsletter, "Millennium News," which monitors such predictions. He attributed it to the approach of the year

College in Montecito, California. Cults often

Opponents say it will lead to an increase in

nnney laundering and gambling addiction.

"I think that's getting people excited," Mr. Daniels said. "It seems to follow in people's minds that there ought to he some huge

Mr. Camping worries that after Mr. Koresh, many people will "group prophecies all together." And that could be a problem, because Mr. Camping is trying to spread the word that the Bible foretells the end of the world next year. Around Labor Day 1994, he said, the earth

ter and it's got to mean something."

will erupt in earthquakes, fires and assorted among many religious persons. But prophecy has its dark side, too, as vividly demonstrated trauma. Then, between Sept. 15 and Sept. 27, change. All those zeros pop up nn the odome-Jesus Christ will return in glory. The righteous by Mr. Koresh and his cult.

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Clima, short on hard cash., sells Americans a lot of guns these days. Page 3. A gray Paris suburb is get-ting a rare shower of elec-

toral sparks.

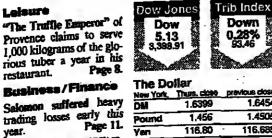
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from certain sectors of society.

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Provence claims to serve 1,000 kilograms of the glorious tuber a year in his Page 8. **Business/Finance** Salomon suffered heavy trading losses early this Page 11. India is easing currency restrictions again. Page 15.

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Zambia Declares State of Emergency mats said Mr. Chiluba was obviously refer-

LUSAKA, Zambia (Reuters) - President ring to an alleged coup plot to overthrow his government by formenting civil strife. Re-Frederick Chiluba declared a state of emer-gency in Zambia on Thursday night. Speakports of an alleged plot surfaced last week. Mr. Chiluba also said without elaborating ing on state radio and television, he cited a potential threat to security in the country that Zambia was reviewing relations with While he did not specify the threat, diplo-Iran and Iraq.

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Army Is Caught in a Yeltsin-Parliament Tug-of-War

By Roger Cohen
New York Times Service

printed documents Thursday appearing to demonstrate that the French presidential pal-

in 1985 uncovering the fact that French secret

service agents blew up a boat in Auckland

harbor belonging to the environmental group Greenpeace. And he was investigating appar-

PARIS - The newspaper Liberation

MOSCOW - The Russian Army found itself on

Thursday caught in an escalating power struggle be-tween President Boris N. Yeltsin and the conservative parliament, which sought to summon the president to explain his relations with military commanders.
The Congress of People's Deputies voted to invite Mr. Yeltsin to explain the unspecified "final option"

he said that he might invoke if compromise fails to solve the current political crisis. Legislators also demanded minutes of a meeting that Mr. Yeltsin held with senior generals on Wednesday.

The usually pro-Yeltsin newspaper Izvestia report-

ed that during that meeting the military brass urged Mr. Yeltsin to take "resolute measures" to end the

U.S. Disputes Critic

Of Airdrop Policies

Bosnia Serb Says Relief Effort

Christopher, asked about Mr. Kar-

adzic's comments and a grenade

explosion at the U.S. Embassy in

Belgrade, said: "We will not be

deterred from doing what's neces-

sary by terrorist attacks of any

In New York, the UN secretary-

general, Botros Butros Ghali, pro-

tested when he and the peace mediators Cyrus R. Vance and Lord

Owen held a "very tough meeting"

with Mr. Karadzic about the situa-

The Security Council asked Mr. Butros Ghali on Wednesday to

send troops or observers into east-

ern Bosnia and demanded that kill-

ings and atrocities against civilians

As for the peace talks, Mr. Kar-

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weapons in a future military disen-

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day on the understanding that

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(Reuters, AP)

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Could Lead to a Wider War

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

States vowed Thursday to continue

humanitarian airdrops into Bosnia

and denied that its policies toward

the former Yugoslavia could spark terrorism or wider war.

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fighting in eastern Bosnia," said the White House press secretary, Dee

She was speaking after a grenade

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Embassy in Belgrade and respond-

ing also to an open letter from the Bosnian Serbian leader, Radovan

Karadzic, who said that "ill-ad-

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operation could overnight trans-

form a local conflict into a Balkan

the United States might be the tar-

get of terrorist attacks and suggested that last Friday's bombing at the

World Trade Center in New York

was "fresh testimony to the ex-

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ate dangers" of direct involvement

But Mr. Karadzie said at a new

conference later: "Please neglect

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Ms. Myers, disputing Mr. Kar-

adzic's contention about the U.S.

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WASHINGTON -The United

The parliament speaker, Ruslan 1. Khasbulatov, who is seeking to strip Mr. Yeltsin of his power to appoint the cabinet and manage the government, suggested that Defense Minister Pavel S. Grachev should be fired. Reuters reported. The head of Mr. Yeltsin's security council, Yuri

Skokov, appeared in parliament on Thursday and denied that the president's apparatus was preparing a

General Grachev and other military leaders repeatedly have stressed that the army should stay out of politics. Reeling from the Soviet Union's breakup and uninterested in playing politics.

But with Mr. Yeltsin and the parliament jockeying

over who should be supreme, both are nervous about the role the army might play. Mr. Yeltsin has warned conservatives not to "play the army card" by seeking to organize discontented officers. In his meeting with generals on Wednesday, Mr. Yehsin sought to show conservatives that the army would stand by him if necessary, analysts here said.

A leading rightist legislator, Sergei Baburin, sought Thursday to neutralize that theater by demanding the minutes of Mr. Yeltsin's meeting with the generals. It was not clear whether Mr. Yeltsin would accept the invitation to speak to parliament or send his minutes.

crisis. That prompted some of Mr. Yeltsin's opponents to charge that he was inducing the military to take sides and possibly even preparing for army-backed in playing politics.

from budget cuts so steep that some recruits have matter of policy, with conscriptions of policy, with conscriptions of preparing for army-backed uninterested in playing politics. ing his pro-Western foreign policy and pro-market economic changes. It is also a struggle between two hranches of government operating under a Soviet-era constitution rife with contradictions.

Various solutions have been proposed to end the struggle, including a national referendum, early elec-tions for president and parliament or the convening of a constitutional assembly to write a new charter for Russia. But so far no faction has been strong enough to implement any of the variants.

On Thursday, parliament was unable even to agree when or whether to convene an emergency session of the Congress of People's Deputies, the supreme legis-

> the anti-terrorist unit working for the presidential palace. Signatures on the documents correspond with the names of officials work-

> ing there at the time. The unit was disbanded

in 1988 after it became clear that its members

had tried to plant incriminating evidence on

WORLD BRIEFS

U.S. Envoy Warns of Aid Cut to Israel

TEL AVIV (Reuters) — The U.S. ambassador to Israel warned Thursday that Washington may have to cut its \$3 billion annual aid to the

William Harrop sharply criticized the pace of economic change in Israel, the biggest recipient of U.S. aid, and suggested that it was not prudent for one country to rely on another for 7 to 8 percent of its

nanonal nudget.

"The commitment of the American government and people to Israel is not in question, now or in the future," Mr. Harrop said in a speech to businessmen. "But it may prove difficult to maintain our economic aid at its current high level." He cited the warnings of U.S. senators who said during visits to Israel last month that U.S. foreign aid was likely to be cut overall.

China Warns U.S. on Trade Status

BELITNG (AP) — China warned the United States on Thursday not to make an "unwise" decision by attaching conditions to the extension of the special trade status for Beijing.

Secretary of State Warren M. Christopher said Sunday that the Clinton

administration expected China to improve its human-rights record if the United States were to renew Beijing's most-favored-nation trade status.

The Foreign Ministry spokesman, Li Jianying, said: "To attach any conditions to the MFN status will damage the normal economic and trade relations between China and the U.S. and also the entire bilated." relationship. Therefore, it is unwise and unacceptable to the Chinese

Germany Drops Hijacker Extradition

FRANKFURT (Reuters) — Germany will not ask the United States to extradite a young Ethiopian who hijacked a Lufthansa passenger jet and forced it to land in New York, Frankfurt prosecutors said Thursday.

A spokesman for the state prosecutor said that after talks with U.S. officials the United States had decided to deal with the case itself. Nebin Zewolde, 20, hijacked the Airbus A-310, which was bound for Cairo, after it left Frankfurt airport with 104 people on board on Feb. 11.

it left Frankfurt airport with 104 people on board on Feb. 11. It was later discovered that he was armed only with a starting pistol loaded with blanks and had hijacked the jet for "personal reasons," possibly to join relations living in the United States after being refused permission to enter the country.

UN Chief Sees Somali Transfer May 1 🐠

· UNITED NATIONS, New York (AP) - Secretary-General Butros Butros Ghali has proposed May 1 as the date to transfer command from the U.S.-led force in Somalia to a UN combat-ready force to deliver aid and disarm bandits.

In a written report to the Security Council, Mr. Butros Ghali proposed that a new UN force eventually numbering 28,000 troops would replace the U.S.-led force that originally comprised about 37,000 personnel from 23 countries, including about 17,000 U.S. troops. The new UN force would be the first major UN peace enforcement operation. It would continue to monitor a cease-fire and assist in delivering aid and in

While saying that the command transfer would begin May 1, Mr. Butros Ghali emphasized that it would be phased in, and he did not say how long the transitional period would last. He said he hoped that many foreign soldiers currently under U.S. command would be transferred by their governments to the UN operation.

Major Moves to Reward Achievers

LONDON (Reuters) — Prime Minister John Major announced changes to Britain's centuries old honors system on Thursday, saying it would no longer reflect class distinctions and would reward achievement rather than long service.

Honors will be open to a wider range of people and more emphasis will be put on voluntary and community service, Mr. Major told Parliament. Senior British civil servants and diplomats will have to earn their knighthoods for the first time.

In the armed forces, bravery, not rank, would determine the award of medals, said Mr. Major, who intends to make Britain a classiess society. He added, "I propose to end the recommendation of honors where they are given solely by seniority or on appointment."

For the Record

A German lawyer found guilty of informing on the environmentalist Greens and other leftists in West Germany in the 1980s on behalf of East German secret police was given a suspended 21-month sentence Thursday. The lawyer, Klaus Croissant, 62, first made headlines in West Germany in the late 1970s by defending guerrillas of the leftist Red Army Faction and its forenumer, the Baader-Meinhof gang.

The publisher of a Nigerian weekly newspaper was arrested Thursday by the security police after the publication criticized the makeup of a new government committee, journalists said. The arrest of Bukar Zarma, who also is editor in chief of the weekly, Abuja Newsday, followed the detention of its editor Wednesday.

Muslim extremists in Egypt shot and killed a police officer and his son as they drove to their home village in the troubled southern province of Asyut, the police said Thursday. The extremists have killed 12 police

Correction

Because of an editing error. Oscar Wilde, the Irish writer, was incorrectly identified in the European Topics column in Thursday's editions.

TRAVEL UPDATE

Chinese aviation officials pledged to enforce safety rules that have been mored in the industry's rush to expand, the China Daily said Thursday. The paper quoted Jiang Zhuping, director-general of the Civil Aviation.

Administration of China, as saying that a series of air accidents last year. badly undermined the reputation of Chinese airlines. At least 310 people died in five crashes, including all 141 people aboard a Boeing 737 that crashed into a hillside near the tourist city of Guilin in November and 106 people aboard a YAK-42 that crashed into a wall while taking off from

The Iranian Embassy in Britain announced Thursday that it was increasing the price Britons will have to pay for a visa to Iran. According to the Iranian ambassador in London, the increase, from £14 to £504 (\$20 to \$725) corresponds to a similar increase that the British Embassy in Tehran imposed on visas to Britain. Both sides denied that the issue was linked to renewed tensions over a death sentence imposed by Iran on the British author Salman Rushdie.

Heavy snow crippled Romania and much of Bulgaria on Thursday, closing schools and disrupting road, rail, air and river links, although international air traffic to Bucharest was maintained. (Reuters

French railroad ticket office workers called a 24-hour strike on Friday to protest a new computerized booking system, unions said Thursday in Paris. The strike was not expected to disrupt travel as the state rail

company SNCF said passengers would be allowed to buy their tickets on the train without any fine until the end of the month.

ace tapped the telephone of a leading investi-gative journalist for Le Monde during a two-month period in late 1985 and early 1986. Mr. Pienel was working in early 1986 on the case of the three arrested suspects, who terrand would have been unaware of them." Edwy Plenel, the journalist, said in an interview that there was no question that the were later released largely as a result of his Muriel de Pierrebourg, a spokeswoman at the Elysée Palace, declined any comment on 16 summaries of his conversations between Dec. 30, 1985, and Feb. 26, 1986, were genu-The affair, merely the latest in a series that ine. Stamped "Secret Source," the documents published relate conversations Mr. Plenel has come to characterize the Mitterrand era, seemed certain to embarrass the president in the run-up to parliamentary elections later this month in which his Socialist Party is had with his editor at Le Monde, his girlfriend and a number of business contacts or videly expected to suffer a stinging defeat. awarded him the Legion of Honor. At the time, Mr. Plenel was a thorn in the Telephone taps were rampant under de side of President François Mitterrand's Ely-see Palace. He had published several articles

French Reporter to Sue Over Phone Tap

ent misdeeds by a special anti-terrorist unit established in the Elysée in 1982. "Le Monde and 1 will now file suit over

these phone taps, which clearly constitute a crime," Mr. Plenel said. "The important

thing is to discover who ordered the taps. f

can only express my personal conviction that it is impossible that President François Mit-

Gaulle and his successor, Georges Pompidou. But the Socialists had vowed to curtail the practice, and Mr. Mitterrand has often boasted that the press in France has never been more free than under his 12-year rule.

The taps were apparently carried out by

The head of the Elysée security unit, Christian Prouteau, was sentenced to 15 months in prison for his role in the case. But he won a reprieve on appeal and later emerged as head of security for last year's Winter Olympics in Albertville -- a role for which Mr. Mitterrand

three suspected Irish terrorists.

Liberation did not reveal the source for the documents it published. Mr. Plenel said he believed they were genuine because they included conversations with people that he had met just once and personal discussions with his girlfriend over a journalism prize he had

This urban crisis has become

Even the most run-down

Merchants are moving out and

Such foreign flavor fuels many people's fears that every cluster

of young men is an ethnic gang.

In Gray Paris Suburb, Electoral Sparks

By Joseph Fitchett

SARCELLES, France - With a new conservative parliament considered a foregone conclusion in French elections this month, a rare passionate spark has flared in a squalid Paris suburh where one of the Socialist Party's stars may be unseated by a candidate making his first run for public office.

French woman was killed when snipers ambushed an aid convoy Two weeks ahead of the vote, organized by the French charity the duel between the two men has Equilibre as it entered Sarajevo, become a tight race with national consequence. Amid a monoto-UN peacekeepers said. They said nons national campaign, the per-sonal edge of the race in Sarcelles two Polish drivers were wounded in affords a glimpse of a fuzzy, emo-tional debate about the real cou-UN officials also said they hoped to enter the settlement of Cerska within 24 hours to check dition of France that colors the thinking of all political parties.

The challenger is a newcomer, Muslim claims that up to 1,500 sick and wounded needed to be evacu-

but hardly a political neophyte: Pierre Lellouche, 42, has spent five years as the top foreign-policy adviser to Jacques Chirac, leader of the largest conservative party, Rally for the Republic.

Dissatisfied with his success as a writer and then as an éminence grise, Mr. Lellouche took the plunge of challenging Dominique Strauss-Kahn, minister of indus-try and foreign trade in the ruling Socialist government and mem-ber of parliament for Sarcelles, a traditionally leftist district.

If a conservative landslide enables him to pull off an upset victory, Mr. Lellouche could emerge overnight as a prominent figure in the new parliament and perhaps the next government.

It is standard practice in France for a high-flying party adviser to be parachuted into a safe parliamentary seat, but Mr. Lel-louche, denied the safe seat he initially sought in Paris, played a long shot in challenging Mr. Strauss-Kahn.

Although the Socialists' collapsing popularity means that even former Prime Minister Michel Rocard may be absent from the next parliament, Mr. Strauss-Kahn was strongly favored to retain the seat that he carried easily in the last parliamentary election, in 1988.

But Mr. Lellouche gambled on winning his spurs in a tough cam-paign that showed his mettle as vote-getter and, with no strong local candidate in view, persuaded the national leadership of the Rally for the Republic to send him to carry the conservative

Sarcelles and the urban areas edging it contain many of the social ills that afflict suburbs of



EXIT MINISTER - Health Minister Bernard Koachner leaving the podium after being pelted with eggs and potatoes by. grain growers Thursday in the town of Luce, near Chartres.

France's major cities: decaying buildings and a deteriorating school system, rising racial tensions, unemployment, drug dealing and violence. In contrast, the leading candi-

dates - neither of whom lives in Sarcelles — are dashing examples of the Parisian intellectual clite. The Harvard-educated Mr. Lellouche, as a writer and journalist, including a column in Newsweek magazine, was a prominent French hawk during the final decade of the Cold War. Mr. Strauss-Kahn, 43, had a

meteoric academic career as an economist before becoming a Socialist Party official, then cabinet minister. He has acquired his own international reputation as a hard-charging advocate of French trade interests.

Both candidates have at their sides accomplished wives. Mrs. Strauss-Kahn - better known by her professional name, Anne Sinclair - is a television journalist, host of the country's top political

Marie-Laure Lellouche, a

painter, has abandoned her Left Bank studio to manage her hus-band's electoral bid. Their 18hour days have been directed at surmounting the incumbent's initial advantage in name recogni-

Trumpeted in the 1950s as a brave new satellite city, Sarcelles saw its experimental vocation overwhelmed when housing had to be hastily constructed to accommodate waves of French refugees from Algeria after the revolution there. These relatively prosperous

newcomers forged a politically liberal community that promptly subsided into a dormitory suburi of Paris. But this comfortable haven was transformed in the 1980s as the Sarcelles area was inundated by thousands of immigrants from Muslim North Africa, black Africa and the French West

Today, half of the local population comprises people from Third World countries. Nearly 60 percent of the housing is state-subsidized, low-cost dwellings.

Syringes in the stairwells of malodorous apartment buildings, a school teacher's confession that he is physically afraid to give bad grades to some students: There is ahundant evidence of economic and social collapse.

At a senior citizens' club in the Sarcelles synagogue basement, a score of women complained about a rising rate of robbery, mainly by drug users, and declining police strength.

Mr. Strauss-Kahn claims that Sarcelles' difficulties are being exaggerated by conservatives. He insists that racial harmony has fared better in this commi than in other cities, especially American ones, afflicted by similar problems. He promises voters that be will seek to make richer towns pay more to help poorer ones in an act of national solidar-

But Mr. Lellouche insists that the first priority should be enough extra police to deter crime, and attacks Mr. Strauss-Kahn for failing to bring jobs to

at the Palace.



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Germany Begins Tightening Laws on Asylum

BONN — Germany began re- economic reasons. writing its asylum laws Thursday to end an open-door policy and try to parliament is expected to change the constitution and enact a pack-

"Recognized asylum seekers are not the problem in Germany," said Dieter Wielelspütz, addressing parliament for the Social Democrats. The problem is the uncontrolled, currently too massive immigration

Even the liberal opposition Social Democrats have agreed that Germany's constitutional guarantee of asylum to the politically op-pressed must be restricted. The

all refugees are in Germany for economic reasons.

Mr. Seiters told the Bundestag, the ately turned away at the border or expelled once in the country. Such Because of opposition support,

age of asylum laws with the necessary two-thirds majority when it votes in late April.
Interior Minister Rudolf Seiters, claiming that 74,350 asylum seek-

ers had entered Germany in the first two months of 1993 alone, said it was "high time" lawmakers did something about the problem "for the preservation of the internal se-

curity of our country."

The number of asylum seekers

ple expect lawmakers to deal with this quickly.

German politicians have long argued that rising neo-Nazism and far-right extremism in the country have been triggered by the social and imancial burdens of the refugees. Seventeen people were killed by rightist extremists in 1992.

Germany has said it will continue to offer refuge to war victims and those truly oppressed in their

Under the proposed changes. people entering Germany from safe third countries could be immedi-

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border Germany. The proposed laws would also list countries no longer considered politically repressive, such as Bulgaria and Romania. Refugees from such countries would be entitled to drastically shortened asylum hear-

of the European Community, Aus-

Sweden Convicts Sannggler

STOCKHOLM - A Swedish court jailed a Russian captain for 18 months on Thursday for smuggling 81 refugees into the country. guing 81 refugees into the country.

reflecting Stockholm's tougher policy aimed at stemming a refugee
influx. Sergei Seisekov, who smuggled his seasick passengers on a
stormy passage across the Baltic
Sea in a small, rusting boat, was
sentenced for endangerion lines. sentenced for endangering lives and for smuggling people.

A Suicide Ruling On Petra Kelly And Her Lover countries would include members

tria, Switzerland, Poland and the BONN — Investigators said Thursday they had closed the file on the death last year of the Czech republic —all countries that founder of Germany's Green Party, Petra Kelly, saying she and her lover ended their lives in a suicide

The decomposed bodies of Miss Kelly, 44, and her companion, Gert Bastian, 69, a former army general turned pacifist, were found in their Bonn home on Oct. 19. It became clear that Mr. Bastian had shot Miss Kelly, then himself, with a 38 caliber pistol, but whether the environmentalist was murdered or agreed to a suicide pact had re-

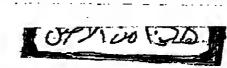
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But Bonn prosecutors said the circumstances pointed clearly to a death pact by the couple, apparently for personal reasons. Both were embers of parliament.

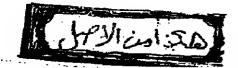
"Many witnesses who knew the former deputies said Petra Kelly as well as Gert Bastian had express thoughts of suicide in the past," a



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Federal Workers May Get More Political Rights WASHINGTON — The House has voted to overhaul the Hatch

Act to allow federal employees to engage in partisan politics outside

the office on their own time.

Democrats and moderate Republicans supporting the changes in the act, which was adopted in 1939, contended that 3.2 million federal workers were being denied their constitutional rights. The opponents, largely conservatives, argued that Congress must protect the nonpartisan image of the civil service bureaucracy.

The measure would permit federal employees to run for local office, though not for federal or state office, without taking a leave of absence. It would also allow government employees, excluding those working for the Federal Election Commission, to manage political campaigns and raise money for candidates.

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Similar bills were passed twice during the Bush administration, only to be vetoed by President George Bush. This time, the Senate is likely to give swift approval, and President Bill Clinton has promised to sign it into law.

The Hatch Act currently prevents federal employees from running for political office, soliciting campaign funds or playing a leading table in a political campaign. But employees are allowed to make political contributions, vote and express opinions.

Republican is Candidate for 'Drug Czar' Post

WASHINGTON — A former New Jersey governor, Thomas H. Kean, is a contender for the "drug czar" position, one that is charged with directing the government's war on drugs. President Clinton plans to elevate it to cabinet rank.

Appointing Mr. Kean, a Republican who is now president of Drew University in Madison, New Jersey, would fulfill Mr. Clinton's desire to include all sorts — even Republicans — in his cabinet. There aren't any so far.

Congress Backs Clinton on Jobiess Benefits

WASHINGTON — Following the Senate's lead, the House approved a \$5.7 billion measure that would extend unemployment benefits for an estimated 2 million workers, handing President

Clinton a victory in the first test of his economic plan.

The House vote on Thursday was 247 to 156. In the Senate, the preceding day, Democrats and a handful of Republicans banded

together to approve the bill, 66 to 33.

Some Republican senators argued that passage of the jobless benefits would swell the U.S. deficit by billions of dollars. But they failed in a 57-to-43 party-line vote to gain approval of an amendment that would have required a reduction in government spending to pay for the expanded benefits.

Latinos Ask Clinton for 'Fair Share' of Jobs

WASHINGTON — Frustrated Latino leaders are stepping up pressure on President Clinton to put more Hispanics in top administration posts.

The heads of several national Latino organizations acknowledge

that few jobs of any kind have been filled in the slow-moving appointment process. Yet they are concerned, and in some cases angry, about the small number of Hispanics on short lists of potential numbers for more than 1,000 senior administration jobs. "The Latino community has not had its fair share" of appointments, said Lydia Camarillo of the Mexican-American Legal Defense and Educational Fund, "We are not talking about quotas. We are talking about the president keeping a commitment."

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Treasury Secretary Lloyd Bentsen, on whether the president's health care proposal should be attached to his economic program: "I'm not about to tell the leadership of the Senate or the House how to package this thing. We're going to keep our options open." (NYT)

• Laying the groundwork for the prosecution's contention that four police officers intentionally bear Rodney G. King in violation of his civil rights, an expert on police procedures testified that the beating was a "clear violation" of Los Angeles Police Department policy.

The expert, Sergeant Mark J. Conta of the department, hammered

away at the officers' conduct in the beating, which was captured on amateur videotape two years ago Wednesday. He condemned what he described as a savage attack on a defenseless, beaten man.

An independent Quebec would probably contribute to the North American air defense system now maintained by the United States

and Canada, according to Jacques Parizeau, Quebec separatist leader. Quebec's airspace accounts for a sizeable part of the Arctic region, so the United States and Canada could not leave Quebec

skies defenselesss, Mr. Parizeau said in answer to a question at Johns Hopkins University's Washington Center.

 Witnesses to one of Dr. Jack Keyorkian's 15 assisted suicides may risk jail if they fail to tell the anthorities what they saw, according to the Macomb County prosecutor, Carl Marlinga, who is considering ordering a coroner's inquest into the death of one of Dr. Kevorkian's

• Flooding has forced an iceberg-lettuce farming district in the descrit cast of Yuma, Arizona, to shut its main pumping plant, cutting off irrigation and household water supplies to hundreds of people along the Gila River. Ninety miles of the Gila are flooded from Painted

Rock Dam near Phoenix to the Colorado River at Yuma because heavy rainfall through the Southwest this winter.

A direct-mail entrepreneus pleaded guilty in a \$14 million scheme in which he defrauded thousands of people who paid to be listed in Who's Who in American Executives and other so-called vanity

books. The entrepreneur, Steven S. Watstein, used the name Steven West. He ran a company based in Great Neck, New York, that hared

prospects — many of them mid-level executives or owners of small businesses — by falsely informing them they had been confidentially chosen for inclusion in one of the books by a selection committee

that included famous names. The scheme took place from July 1988

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission will re-evaluate the threat that truck bombs pose to nuclear reactors in light of the World Trade Center bombing and an incident earlier this year in which a man crashed his station wagon through the fence at the Three Mile Island.

• A white supremacist who is awaiting a third trial in the 1963 slaying of the civil rights activist Medgar Evers has been hospitalized in Jackson, Mississippi, for an undisclosed ailment. Byron De La Beckwith, 72, was taken to the Veterans Administration Medical

Center, the hospital confirmed.

• A 16-year-old boy who cut off his hand while working with a circular saw is suing his parents for \$2 million, claiming they violated child-labor laws by letting him use the tool. The lawsuit by David Clinkinbeard, filed in Newport News, Virginia, noted that Virginia's child-labor law states no child under 13 shall be "permitted or suffered to work" or operate "any circular saw, band saw or conflictions share." The hose's hand was venttached.

Away From Politics

White House to Medical Lobby: Don't Get Too Close

for a bigger voice in remodeling the nation's health-care system, saying it is keeping all special interest groups at arms length.

The association's executive vice president, Dr.

James S. Todd, in a letter this week to the administration's chief health-care adviser, Ira Magaziner, asked for more direct involvement in the administration's

Changes "will fail without the support of the profes-sion," Dr. Todd wrote.
"Bring us into the process and we can help make it work," he added.

The White House press secretary, Dee Dee Myers, responded Thursday that "it would be a conflict of interest, we believe, to have representatives of various

"significant voice" on health reforms, and has met several times with administrations officials.

rejected the American Medical Association's request at some of the president's proposals and to work with us on achieving real health care reform."

■ Seeking a Voice

Philip J. Hilts of The New New York Times reported

Fearful of being left out of the debate on reshaping the health-care, the American Medical Association as told the White House that it would drop its longheld and formidable opposition to some proposals favored by President Bill Clinton.

In return, officials of the doctors' lobby said, they are asking for a seat at the table as the policy group led by Hillary Rodham Clinton works out what promise to be sweeping changes in medicine.
In a letter to Mr. Magaziner, Mrs. Clinton's right-

interest groups" as official members of the task force working groups.

She said that the medical association already had a "significant voice" on health reforms, and has met review prices and practices in medicine and to accept

The Associated Press

Ms. Myers added that the White House was encourWASHINGTON — The White House on Thursday

Ms. Myers added that the White House was encouraged by the association's "willingness to look seriously

Zations may be a large part of the health-care system in

The association put caveats on some of these items, and repeated its opposition to other items under discussion by the White House, like the proposal for a "global budget" that would set a strict limit on the amount the nation spends on health care.

But it did offer to support a cap plan, probably less restrictive than the global-budget approach, under which doctors would accept national or regional health-care spending limits if they can help set them.

A medical association spokesman said it is a "reasonable reading of the proposal" to say that the overall spending limits would be at the level of inflation in the rest of the economy. Last year, that was 2.9 percent, while inflation for doctors' fees and other medical costs was 6.6 percent.

In the past, the lobby and its allied doctors have been credited with killing health-insurance proposals in the administration of Franklin D. Roosevelt, dethat large "managed care" organizations like pre- feating President Harry S. Truman's national health president's liking next year.

program and halting President Jimmy Carter's hospital cost-containment measures.

But in the new climate in Washington, according to various American Medical Association officials, the group worried that it was being left behind as Democrats on Capitol Hill, other medical organizations and such health-industry stalwarts as the Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association have embraced "managed competition" and some limits on price increases.

Meanwhile, Representative Dan Rostenkowski, chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, said that Congress was unlikely to pass a comprehensive health-care bill this year, despite strong urging by President Clinton and the Senate majority leader.

Mr. Rostenkowski, whose panel has written a large portion of the nation's tax and health laws, said Wednesday that Mr. Clinton's health legislation would probably be too big and too complex to combine with the president's economic package.

But he and other lawmakers expressed confidence that Congress would pass a health-care bill to the

Snapping at the Hand That Fed Clinton Well

Loophole He Assailed Gave Candidate A Big 4-Month Lead in Contributions

By Michael Wines

New York Times Service
WASHINGTON — As presidential candidate, Bill Clinton, who pledged to tame "big money interests" by putting an end to un-limited, unregulated campaign do-nations, was biting a hand that generously fed him, a new analysis of campaign spending concludes.

The analysis, by the lobbying group Common Cause, says the Democratic National Committee amassed \$20.1 million in unregnlated "soft" money donations in the last four months of 1992.

Virtually all was collected and spent on behalf of Mr. Clinton's re-election, Common Cause said. And virtually all came from big unions, corporations and wealthy individuals who could not have given such big donations directly to Mr. Clinton without violating federal campaign laws.

Current federal law bars companies and unions from giving any money to federal candidates and limits individual donations to tion committee to \$5,000 an elec- \$200,000 to the Democrats.

candidates, but to the national perties, ostensibly for get-out-the-vote drives and other party efforts. In practice, presidential campaigns help raise the money and dictate The president of Common how much of it is spent.

The Common Cause analysis, based on reports to the Federal the Republican National Commit- second term in 1996.

tee in collecting soft cash. The Re-publicans gathered about \$12.8 million in the same four months for President George Bush's re-election campaign, federal reports

In the two-year election cycle from January 1991 to December 1992, however, the Republican National Committee out-collected the Democrats, taking in \$32.4 million in soft cash to the opposition's \$29.9 million.

During that time, 72 big donors each gave more than \$100,000 to the Democrats. They included big unions (the United Steelworkers of America topped the list, with \$398,876 in gifts), hig companies (the Atlantic Richfield Co., the oil giant, gave \$171,573), and individ-uals like Alida Rockefeller Messinger, a Minneapolis member of the Rockefeller clan and former wife of a department store heir, who gave \$300,000.

Computer software executives, an insurance executive and a commodities broker were among six \$1,000 an election and political ac-other big donors who each gave

Mr. Clinton repeatedly cam-Soft money donations sidestep paigned on a promise to curb the those limits by going not to the political action committees, industry lobbies and cliques of

Election Commission, showed that by would favor him, as an incumpoll at the end of April the Democrats had far outpaced bent, should he decide to seek a The winner will receive the control of the contr



PTPE DOWN! —Supporters of Prime Minister Brian Mulroney of Canada trying to shout down a heckler, center, during a speech by Mr. Mulroney at a Progressive Conservative Party fund-raiser in Toronto. Several protesters heckled Mr. Mulroney over the North American Free Trade Agreement, the accord eliminating trade barriers between the United States, Mexico and Canada.

5,640 Enter IHT Competition on Clinton's First 100 Days

PARIS - More than 5,600 readers respond-The president of Common ed to the International Herald Tribune compe-Cause, Fred Wertheimer, said the tition asking them to predict President Bill onus was on the president to Cinton's popularity rating after 100 days in change a political system that clear- office, as determined by the first Louis Harris

The winner will receive a round-trip Paris-

Of the 5,640 readers who replied from 90 countries, almost half predicted that Mr. Clinton would have an approval rating of just over

In the event of a tie, readers were asked to New York flight aboard an Air France Conguess also at the level of the International U.S. dollar in yen, 130.3.

corde, or an equivalent travel credit. Runners-up will receive first class and business class trips

the 100th day, of the presidency, and on the the 100th day, of the presidency, and on the level of the Dow Jones average that day along with the dollar-Deutsche mark and dollar-yen closing rates in New York.

The average of all answers for the tie-break questions was: Trib Index, 90.6: Dow Jone 3304.4; U.S. dollar in Deutsche marks, 1.7;

'Messiah' in Texas Releases Another Child, but Not His Own

ah and more than 100 of his follow-

of Alcohol, Tobacco and Finearms said a boy was released from the sect's fortress on the rolling range-land near Waco, the 20th child to be freed since the siege began fol-lowing a Sunday shoot-out.

Mr. Koresh is deciding which children are released, the agent the surrender peacefully Tuesday, said. Eighteen children and 90 later told the FBI he was awaiting

the cult compound. Otherwise there was little move-

become focused on bringing out are surrounding the Texas farm. more children, an FBI spokesman,

The Houston Chronicle reporte The Houston Chronicle reported

an and more than 100 or ins followers, won release Thursday of another child from the cult amid fears that some sect members may commit suicide.

A spokeswoman for the Bureau of Alcohol. Tobacco and Fireauns.

Indice children, an 1-151 spokesman, Jeffrey Jamar, said.

"It's not a bargaining. It's not a that officials might cut off power to the farm complex in an effort to further isolate Mr. Koresh, the 33-year-old leader of the sect, and his Branch Davidian followers.

My Koresh is deciding a think of the sect of the sect and his Branch Davidian followers.

adults are believed to be still inside further instructions from God before deciding what to do.

The shoot-out began when feder-Mr. Koresh has said he was al agents stormed the compound said.

miraculously."

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispotcher

Negotiations by telephone with WACO, Texas — Federal agents, promising not to use force to capture a self-proclaimed messi
Negotiations by telephone with ment on either side in the standoff, wounded in the gunfight and which may have taken as many as seemed to scream in pain during a weapons charge. Four of the agents as many as 15 wives — had so far released none of his own children, radio interview Sunday night.

Asked about Mr. Koresh's wounded. One Davidian died later released none of his own children, health on Thursday, Mr. Jamar on Sunday trying to light his way perhaps because he wants them to said, "He seems to have recovered out, and Mr. Koresh said a 2-year-

> The former rock musician took Marc Breault, a former cult over the sect in 1987 after a violent battle with its former leader. The member, said in an interview published in the Waco Tribune-Herald Branch Davidians split from the that cult members had discussed Seventh-day Adventists in 1933. ways to commit suicide, adding They believe in the imminent end that individuals did not count. of the world

"We're just food for the fire," he

old child was killed in the firefight.

sen, whose department controls the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, said Wednesday that agents had been concerned from the start about "a Jonestown possibility" — a reference to the 1978 mass suicide of more than 900 followers of Jim Jones at the Peoples' Temple in Guyana. (Reuters, AP)

Treasury Secretary Lloyd Bent-

Short on Hard Cash, China Is Selling Americans a Lot of Guns

By John Pomfret Washington Post Service
WASHINGTON — The Chi-

nese armed forces exported close to 2 million guns to the United States from 1989 through 1991 and set up or bought a number of companies here in an effort to earn hard currency and obtain American technology for military use, according to U.S. officials and documents.

Acting aggressively on a 1987 White House decision to allow Chinese arms imports, Beijing's army already has become the largest forThe move into the United States

is indicative of the growing power and confidence of the Chinese mili-

ing to statistics obtained from the Treasury's arms bureau through a Freedom of Information Act request, 1.92 million Chinese arms and thousands of tons of ammunisment of the Treasury's arms bureau. "They're the K-Mart of weapons and thousands of tons of ammunisment of the Treasury's arms bureau." tion were brought into the United States. While complete 1992 statiseign supplier of small arms to the tics on imported Chinese weapons American market, according to are not yet available, they appear to

documents supplied by the Treasury's Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Frearms.

surpass 1991, a record year, U.S. Customs Service sources added.
One of the Chinese-made guns, an AK-47 semiautomatic manufac-

North Industries, or Normeo, was used by a gunman to kill two people and wound three others in front Between 1989 and 1991, accord- of CIA headquarters on Jan. 25.

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After the pro-democratic pro-d tured by a huge defense firm, China

Other businesses of the People's National Aero-Technology Im-Liberation Army, as the armed port-Export Corp., established a were selling China weapons and forces collectively are known, import pig iron, basketballs, bicycles, company near Seattle after its atsmall airplane parts manufacturing weapons-related technology and company near Seartle after its at- the Chinese demand for access to tempt to buy a similar but larger the U.S. market was seen as fair

companies are seeking to buy
American businesses, especially firms into the United States — China, the Bush administration those specializing in high technol— which started in the mid-1980s — stopped U.S. weapons sales to Chihas occurred with little or no public na, although it continued to allow In a move that has concerned debate in this country. The White some U.S. military officials, one firm linked to the military, China weapons here in 1987.

Chinese military firms to operate and to sell their weapons in the United States.

Terrorists Turn Tables on Drug Lord

By James Brooke New York Times Service

piant in Pennsylvania.

Center, the hospital confirmed.

BOGOTA — Pablo Escobar Gaviria, a veteran practitioner of terrorism, is suddenly squirming as a target of terrorism. In a modern gang war complete with faxed communiques and clandestine news conferences, a powerful faction of the Medellin

gnillotine shear." The boy's hand was reattached.

cocaine ring has turned on its godfather and vowed his destruction.
"May Pablo Escobar disappear from the face of the earth," a hooded member of Colombia Libre recently told Semana, a news weekly here Free Colombia is the civilian wing of a paramilitary Medellin terrorist group known as Pepes, the Spanish acronym for People Persecuted by Pablo Escobar.

Free of scruples about using terror and armed with inside information acquired during years of service for Mr. Escober, these groups appear to be turning the tables in the seven-month manhant for the nation's most-

"The Pepes can do what the security forces can't do — blow up someone's house, kidnap people and kill them," Defense Minister Rafael Pardo said. "They are waging a dirty

Having lost his monopoly on terrorism, the billionaire trafficker sounds more and more like a hunted man.

In faxed answers on Tuesday to questions submitted by The New York Times through his lawyers, Mr. Escober whittled a long list of surrender conditions down to one - U.S. residency visas for his family.

Wednesday, the U.S. Embassy here rejected that option, issuing a statement that his offer to exchange protection for his family for his surrender is unacceptable."

The Colombian prosecutor, Gustavo de Greiff, told a radio station Wednesday that his office would consider giving protection to Escobar family members if they made a re-

Left largely on his own, Mr. Escobar is discovering that former friends can be the

"Some of the Pepes were close to him," a law enforcement official here said. "Now they are very dangerous to him."

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"We want to make Pablo Escobar feel the effects in his own flesh of his brand of terrorism," the group said in its inaugural commu-

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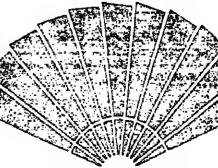
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WASHINGTON — They made an odd duo — a Bush administration holdover acting as attorney general and an FBI director whose job is in jeopardy — holding forth Thursday before reporters eager for details of a break in the World

Trade Center bombing.
Acting Attorney General Stuart
Gerson and FBI Director William S. Sessions had scheduled the press conference at FBI headquarters the day before to announce a nationwide white-collar crime program that turned out to be a crackdown

on telemarketers.
But the FBI auditorium was standing-room-only for another reason entirely: The White House spokesman, George Stephanopolous, had confirmed that an arrest had been made in last Friday's bombing of New York's World Trade Center that killed five people and injured more than 1,000.

Mr. Stephanopolous told report-

Gerson would "be prepared to take than the single individual who has questions on this" at a press conferbeen apprehended." But he would

Not exactly. The actiog attorney general warned the impatient crowd from Gerson and Mr. Sessions delivered the start that it would have to wait through a detailed description of more elegant than others.

the telemarketing fraud and arrests before it got to hear what it came for.

"There's something at least semianomalous about telling a bunch of reporters to be patient on what the company of the compan obviously is a big news day," Mr. rest? What agencies were in-Gerson acknowledged. volved?"

arrest had been made.

And he and Mr. Sessions de-

clined to say much more.

With dozens of TV cameras sions' problems with a critical reready to go live, they claimed that to say more could "imperil that office of Professional Responsibility that accused him of ethical mis-

ers at the White House that Mr. say that we're interested in more would wait until a Clinton adminis-

not confirm that the authorities were planning to arrest others.

For more than 30 minutes, Mr.

Then, after the telemarketing Mr. Gerson: "I would not dispresentation, he announced what everybody already knew, that an to either the arrest of the person nor the identification of the per-

ity that accused him of ethical mis-Mr. Gerson said, "Suffice it to cues. The White House has said it

tration attorney general is con-firmed before deciding whether to let Mr. Sessions complete his 10year term.

Mr. Gerson did refer to some aliens and her failure to pay Social ment or the FBI is in disarray or criticism he has faced as a Bush Security taxes for them. Mr. Clinadministration holdover, still in the ton's second cominee, Janet Reno, done," Mr. Gerson said. Mr. Gerson did refer to some aliens and her failure to pay Social criticism he has faced as a Bush Security taxes for them. Mr. Clin-

illegal hiring of undocumented

"I see enough familiar faces here that have suggested things to me about whether the Justice Depart-

ARREST: Muslim Held as FBI Seeks Accomplices

(Continued from page 1) in Egypt a decade ago on charges he sanctioned the 1981 assassina-

tried to search the apartment of he said. Mr. Nosair, his cousin obstructed them and was arrested. The sources

browny.

uon of President Sadat.

The 54-year-old blind clerie commands a following in Egypt that analysts compare to that of the late Ayatollah Rubollah Khomaim in Iran. His message includes calls The rapidity of the arrest of the the crime er Thursday the head of the FBI's
New York office, James Fox, said it
would take a long time to find the
well be traced to one of the most

in Iran. His message includes calls to eradicate anyone who stands in the way of Islam.

Late Thursday, government breakthrough, have taken years,"

Mr. Gerson and Mr. Sessions

from oow," he said.

aspect of our investigation."

been widespread rape.

UN Panel on War Crimes

In Yugoslavia Omits Women

The Associated Press

as the Commission of Experts.

Mr. Kalshoven told reporters that the panel was making allega-

tions of systematic rape one of six major areas of its investigations on which it aimed to have "verified information" by the end of July.

"We will have a fair amount of conclusions about four months

William J. Fenrick, a Canadian military lawyer on the panel, said

the commission was trying to include women experts where possible in its investigations, especially because of the special problems of the

He said the allegations of systematic rape of thousands of women, mostly Muslim victims of Serbian forces, were "the most difficult

Mr. Kalshoven said he regarded as "very important" the report of a team for four women doctors who told the UN Human Rights Commission that their January investigation concluded there had

named the man as Ibrahim Ga- and arraignment would continue normally, despite the notoriety of

"What we are most concerned about is a thorough, complete investigation." Mr. Gerson said.

dangerous underground terrorist groups in the world — the Muslim Brotherhood. This group has operated primari-

ly in Egypt but also has followers in the New York City area.

Against Islamic Terror

GENEVA — United Nations-appointed experts on war crimes in the former Yugoslavia said Thursday they regretted that women had been omitted from the five-member panel, especially because of the difficulty of investigating allegations of mass rape. "I consider it a defect of the commission that there is no woman on Mr. Sessions, the FBI director, meeting the press on Thursday. **Mubarak Defends Fight** it," said Frits Kalshoven, chairman of the panel appointed in October by the UN secretary-general, Burros Butros Ghali. He added that he would like to add a woman to the panel, known

By Caryle Murphy

he called his government's "heavy hand" against Islamic extremists who use violence, and expressed confidence that their activities, while not about to disappear, had

reached a peak in Egypt.

Mr. Mubarak's discussion of his country's battle with Islamic extremists occurred hours before U.S. law enforcement officials announced the arrest of a suspect in the World Trade Center bombing who they allege is linked to an Is-lamic extremist group that has ties

contention that religious extremism was a global phenomenon.

"This proves that terrorism is be-coming a plague spreading all over the world," Mr. Mubarak said, and it would call for international cooperation to resist this unhealthy

some sort of local concentrating in the Middle East. But now we believe this shows that it's not a local phenomenon. It's

spreading." signa Egyptian officials clearly had no Iraq.

idea that there might be a connec-tion between the New York bomb-Washington Post Service

CAIRO — President Hosni Minberak defended on Thursday what that "our people are not that effi-

Mr. Mubarak's comments, in an interview, offered the most authori-tative description so far of the goveeriment's strategy for dealing with the growing appeal of so called po-litical Islam and with a recent deadly wave of violence by Islamie

Over the past 10 months, such violence has left scores of Egyptian civilians and police dead, and, for the first time, has seen Islamic exto a group in Egypt.

When the Egyptian leader was informed of the suspect's arrest, he informed of the suspect's arrest, he a way to undermine the government by striking at its leading

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intended to change the military equation in the Balkans.

In announcing the plan, the White House was careful to couch the operation in humanitarian terms, cautioning that it did not occessarily portend deeper U.S. military involvement. Although clearly intended to prevent the Serbs from starving the Muslims, the administration also underscored that aid would be dropped to Serbs and Croatians, too, to demonstrate Washington's even-

Despite those assertions, however, the mission clearly represented a deepening of the American commitment to protect the Bosnians from the Serbian siege. But in stepping up their attacks in eastern Bosnia, the Serbs are raising the

If the airdrops were intended to impress the Serbs, they appear to have fallen short. In a defiant

the violence," said Predrag Simic,

the director of the Institute of In-

ternational Politics and Economics

It may or may not be true, as Mr.

Simic and other moderate Serbian

intellectuals and politicians insist, that the dream of a "Greater Ser-

bia" was oot the main reason why

Serbs in Croatia and Bosnia took

up arms in 1991 and 1992, that

instead it was the insecurity and

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the Serbian attacks in eastern Bosnia. "In a sense," he added, "we are vised American humanitarian cooperation could overnight transform a local conflict in a Balkan

The administration had hoped that the airdrops would show the supplies from heights of more than the supplies from hei

war, perhaps a world war." After criticizing the airdrops, Mr. Karadzic sounded an ominous note, warning that the United States might face terrorist attacks. The tragic and deplorable terrorist incident at the World Trade Center is fresh testimony to the extraordinary volatility and immediate dangers of direct involve-ment," he wrote in the letter. He retracted that sentence Thursday.

The purpose of the airdrops was to indicate to the Serbs that we would not let them win by using starvation as a means," said Zal-may Khalilzad, who directed the Pentagon office of policy planning in the Bush administration. "If our purpose is to prevent a Serb victory or encourage reasonable negotiation, this instrument of dropping food from 10,000 feet is not work-

Mr. Khalilzad was referring to

that even the Serbian leader must

now realize that this is no longer a

authoritarian and chauvinist gov-ernment, and the Bosnian Mushims

wanted dominance in an indepen-

dent and unitary state." He called

The best change of success for a

cease-fire, he and others here be-

The Serbs bear the largest share

realistic possibility.

Serbs the futility of trying to stop the relief effort by blocking ground convoys to towns in eastern Bosnia. But American officials said they had not seen a greater Serbian will-ingness to allow the convoys. On the contrary, some American analysts have concluded the Serbs are preparing to expand their siege by moving into likely airdrop zones. The administration and its allies

tried to deal with the setback by starting a diplomatic effort at the United Nations to condemn the assault in which Serbian nationalists took Cerska, a Muslim town that was the target of the first air-

But at the Pentagon, the domi-uant byword continued to be caution, reflecting the military's wor-ries about being drawn into the Balkan conflict. From the start of the airdrop the Pentagon has

janovic, leader of the opposition

In Serbian enclaves like Krajina,

in eastern Croatia, and those in

keepers will be needed to keep the

belligerents separated after a cease-

keep the fighting from spreading to Kosovo and Macedonia and pull-

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of responsibility for what has hap-pened to Yugoslavia," Mr. Djilas said. "But the Croats also have an lieve, tens of thousands of peace-

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operation, Pentagon officials said. Reflecting the Pentagon caution, Defense Secretary Les Aspin proclaimed the mission a success on Tuesday and added that the Defense Department was considering

General Colin L. Powell, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of

Staff, continues to favor a short

before deciding if further drops were needed. Mr. Aspin's hedged statemen produced an outcry that led President Clioton to underscore Wednesday that the relief effort was going forward.

"We're continuing the airlift plan," Mr. Clinton said. This phase of it is going forward just as But if Mr. Clinton had a plan for

contending with the new surge in "ethnic cleansing," he did not say,

tionally look to Russia for support

Uzbek Chief Vows: single state over all the Serbs in the Balkans, But Mr. Djilas suggested Herzegovina," said Radoslav Stoon Muslim culture, "We in Yugogroups only if both the United

on Muslim culture. "We in Yugo-slavia destroyed Yugoslavia. We States and Russia agreed on an slavia destroyed Yugoslavia. We must also build the new situation in the future, but we need a more positive influence from outside than we have seen up to now."

If the United States and Russia agreed on an overall strategic approach and provided troops, the Serbs say.

The main problems with the suggested Serb approach are that the suggeste

If the United States and Russia Russians have enough products of foreign correspondents, Mr. Bosnia, and provide troops to support it, in this view, then neither nor U.S. public opinion is likely to wiscome deep and long-term inspection. Tajikistan, where Islamic volvement in the Ralkans. forces are fighting a bloody rear-But it is as clear to Serb moder-

grade see it, expect protection from the United States. ceptable to the world community, ens Uzbekistan," he said, vowing to and that Europe alone is incapable. take steps to ensure it did not take

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That Election Fiasco? South Korea's Ross Perot Tells All

By James Sterngold
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TOKYO — The extraordinary yearlong political odyssey of Chung Ju Yung an industrialist whose run for the South Korean presidency shook the governing party but ended in failure and an indictment for election law violations, has concluded with a strange whimper here.

In a remarkable interview, this imperious billionaire not only promised to quit politics for good, but denied he had really believed the bitter accusations of corruption he had leveled against the party and its candidate, President Kim Young Sam. He added that, confrary to months of declarations that he wanted to save South Korea from its dishonest politicians, he had actually run as a way of fight-ing a huge tax bill handed to his conglomerate, the Hyundai group. I criticized Kim Young Sam because he was my rival and I had to win the election, said Mr. Chung. who is 77. "However, the election is over, and the situation is different. I have to do what I'm supposed to do. I have to go back to my place in the business world."

Mr. Chung, who was often compared to another billionaire populist, Ross Perot, was clearly hum-

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bled by his political drubbing and legal problems — his brother has already been handed a suspended sentence for election financing violations. He vowed that now he would return to Hyundai, which makes everything from semiconductors to automobiles, and break it into more than 50 smaller companies, which would remain linked by cross-shareholdings like a Japanese

at a luxury restaurant here, seemed to confirm claims by his former be do this?" political associates in Seoul that

who had helped his party. The imusual remarks, made to a Kim Young Sam. He just wants to now has just 16, Mr. Kim said. small group of reporters over lunch save his own life. But he has hurt so Mr. Chung insisted that the in save his own life. But he has hurt so
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Mr. Chung was abandoning his emerged as a surprisingly potent quixotic effort in a desperate effort new third party, the United Peoto persuade the new government to drop the charges against him and Chung left the party. Mr. Kim said. some 50 other Hyundai executives with massive debts and was even throwing it out of its headquarters,

Kim Dong Gil, the chairman of in a Hyundai building in down-the United People's Party, which town Seoul. Mr. Chung has re-Mr. Chung founded to push for signed from the party and the Nahonest government and economic tional Assembly, where he won a liberalization, said in an interview seat last spring. The party had 36 last week, "He is crawling toward seats in the Assembly at its peak; it

dropped and that it had nothing to In fact, just a year after it do with his carefully scripted re-

> international community about halting the proliferation of nuclear weapons, the Russian sources said. But, at the same time, Moscow was against

> The International Atomic Energy Agency made

Representatives from 35 countries making up

cantation. But government officials in Seoul said the charges still stood. precarious journey. Mr. Chung had formed a credi-

Mr. Chung received only about 16 percent of the popular vote in hle third-party challenge last year. winning a sizable footbold in the the December election. The presi-National Assembly last spring and dency was won by Kim Young then thundering throughout the Sam, with 42 percent, and he was election campaign in the fall that inaugurated last week. What the governing Democratic Liberal seemed to hurt Mr. Chung more Party and its candidate, Rim than the loss was a relentless as-Young Sam, were incompetent and sault on his organization by prosedishonest. Like Mr. Perot. Mr. Chung tapped into a deep vein of

Mr. Chung's soo and more than 50 other Hyundai officials were arrested on an array of charges, from tax evasion to accusations that they illegally funneled the conglomerare's cash to Mr. Chung's party. The most humiliating blow came in early February, when Mr. Chung himself was indicted for having taken more than \$60 million improperly from Hyundai for the

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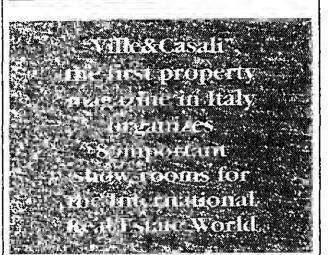
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Don't Press North Korea, Russia Says

TOKYO - North Korea should not be pressured to open nuclear facilities to outside inspection because its Stalinist government could react ina drastic manner, Russian diplomatic sources in Tokyo said Thursday.

"The overall crisis is deepening in North Korea," a source said, referring to Pyongyang's wors-ening economic situation and increased political isolation. "That's why we must leave it some room to maneuver, especially with the special kind of government that it is."

Russia was in complete agreement with the

any timetable to force the North Koreans to comply with inspection requests, they said.

an urgent appeal last week to Pyongyang to allow inspectors to visit two nuclear sites.

the nuclear watchdog's board of governors set a March 25 deadline for Pyongyang to comply with the inspection demands before the agency would consider taking "further measures."

China Stands Firm: Patten's Plan Must Go Before Any Talks agreements already reached by the tion at a weekly briefing Thursday. 1997 and did not include the kind two sides."

> Hong Kong's transfer to China ended in December with a Chinese "The crux of the matter is that threat to boycott talks unless Mr. the British side should abandon Patten scrapped his blueprint.
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> There have been persistent re-Mr. Patten's plan for political reform and come back to the Sinoports in recent weeks that China British Joint Declaration," said the spokesman, Li Jianying.

abandoned the Patten plan.

ing talks and that an announce-The declaration was part of the ment was imminent.

But a Chinese Foreign Ministry ing out the conditions for Hong spokesman sidestepped the quesKong's return to Chinese rule in

and repeated China's position that of measures Mr. Patten is propos-talks could not he held until Britain ing. China insists.

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"Personally, I think that even

tune, insisting that his dispute over

taxes had really been with the outgoing president, Roh Tae Woo.

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people made a wise choice." Mr. Chung said. "They chose a wonder-

ful guy. That's my hooest feeling.

Kim Young Sam is an honest poli-

tician, and he has a fine character."

But with his party in disarray and many in it feeling let down, Mr. Chung is commonly reviled in

South Korea. Some warn that he

may have ruined the chances for a

third party to rise again for years. "I started the party with him to fight corruption," said Kim Dong Gil, sitting amid the nearly desert-ed offices that crackled with energy

just a few months ago. "Now I'm

In Hong Kong, the government announced that Mr. Patten would make a statement on Hong Kong's "way ahead" on Friday, when he is to address a special session of the colony's Legislative Council. Later in the day he is to fly to

Japan to begin an official visit, one day after he had planned, the sources said. (AP, Reuters, AFP)

Peng said Thursday that China and fends Fil Britain should resume talks on Hong Kong, but resterated Beij-ing's demand that London first

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abandon its plan to increase the number of elected representatives. Mr. Li, meeting with a delega-tion from Hong Kong's General Chamber of Commerce, said cooperation between China and Britain should be strengthened to ensure a

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smooth transition in 1997, when Hong Kong is to revert to Chinese But he said the plan of the Hong Kong governor, Chris Patten, to make Hong Kong more democratic before 1997 has made that difficult.

the Xinhua press agency reported. Mr. Li said Beijing wanted the two sides to "sit down and talk," but only on the condition that Britain gives up Mr. Patten's plan and adheres to the "understandings and

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Job Done in Somalia

Three months after the successful and casualty-free landing of American troops in Somalia, the man who spearheaded the de-ployment, U.S. Special Envoy Robert Oak-ley, is returning to the United States. The country be leaves behind is still without a government, a legal system or any sem-hlance of a permanent peace. Today's So-malia, however, is no longer the place of unspeakable suffering and mass starvation that shocked and shamed the world a few months ago. For that, Ambassador Oakley can rightly come home from his diplomatic endeavors with a sense of accomplishment.

It may be helpful to recall that a pacified and economically rehabilitated Somalia was never the objective of this bold, risky and unprecedented mission. The reason for intervening with a show of American lead-ership and military power last December was to get food to the starving. The purpose of the security-for-relief mission has been achieved: The grip of the gangs on the grain has been broken, convoys are moving relief

shipments, and aid agencies no longer have to rely on bribery to feed the hungry.

The business of keeping roads open, re-solving conflicts among rival warlords and reconstructing civil authority is now, as it

always has been, the responsibility of Soma-is themselves under the care and guidance of the United Nations. As an understandably impatient United States prepares to remove the bulk of its forces, perhaps by May, the looming question is whether this operation, costly in casualties, lives and money, will make a lasting difference. The answer to that is in the hands of the Somalis — and other nations that have an obligation.

The transition to a United Nations peacekeeping operation has already slipped behind schedule, because of continued ont-breaks of violence but also because of UN dithering. Secretary-General Butros Butros Ghali should press member nations which enthusiastically supported humanitarian intervention when the preponderant forces were to be American, to demonstrate an equal willingness to send their own replacement troops to Somalia now. The brutal, power-hungry clans and armed teenage ma-randers were no match for the Umited States and the other deployed forces. The groundwork has been laid for a UN operanon with teeth. A critical testing period has arrived in the Horn of Africa - and more than Somalia is on trial.

-THE WASHINGTON POST.

Inter-American Affairs

After a false start, the Clinton administration has come up with a sound nominee to be assistant secretary of state for inter-American affairs. Alexander Watson is a seasoned career diplomat who served as U.S. ambassador to Peru and most recently as deputy chief of mission at the United Nations. As important, putting him forward means that the Senate confirmation hearings will not be dominated by snarling exchanges about Fidel Castro and the future of post-Castro Cuba.

To avoid that prospect, the Clinton team backed away from a Cuban-American it had initially considered for the same vital post, Mario Baeza, a Wali Street lawyer who specializes in privatizing state-owned enterprises, was denounced as soft on Mr. Castro by Cuban-American hard-liners in Miami. Mr. Baeza's critics never gave him the courtesy of a hearing, pointing up the deep emotions stirred among Cuban-Americans in Miami and elsewhere. Cuba is but one of a dozen countries that

contend for Washington's attention. Huge Brazil is beset by a collapsing economy and corruption scandals that brought down its president. Democratic Venezuela has been

rattled by attempted coups. A peace accord in El Salvador might come unstuck if its government fails to purge the armed forces. Nicaragua's freely elected president, Vio-leta Chamorro, is challenged on every side.

Peru under an erratic president is still be-sieged by Shining Path guerrillas, Colombia by drug lords, and so forth. In Havana, a failing tyranny stumbles toward history's dustbin. Fidel Castro could hardly have sounded wearier in his remarks to the foreign press last week: This has been a very long race — too long . . . I feel l am a slave to the revolution." Since seizing power in 1959 he has tormented eight U.S. presidents. Now, with the collapse of communism, Cuba has lost its arms suppliers, its trading partners and its ideological bearings.
The safest, wisest course for Washington

is to let Cuba fester, and shun actions that could be construed as treating the island as booty to be devoured by emigres hungry for old privileges. The cool, professional eye of an Alexander Watson offers the promise of keeping Cuba, and the rest of the hemisphere, in maturer perspective.

-THE NEW YORK TIMES.

Presidents and the Law

American presidents and Supreme Courts have had their odd dealings over the years, but this may be the first time the court has been called upon to uphold a campaign flip-flop.
As a candidate, Bill Clinton condemned

as immoral the Bush administration's policy of forcing boatloads of refugees back to Haiti, and he praised a court that found that approach illegal. But just before his inauguration, Mr. Clinton, fearing a huge influx of refugees, adopted the Bush policy.

This week he asked the Supreme Court to find that policy legal or, better still, to rule that courts cannot order the president to obey a treaty and immigration law. The high court can do president and nation a huge service by denying this latest overhlown claim to exclusive executive power.

Despite a refugee treaty and a 1980 law instituting it, George Bush and Bill Clinton both claim the right to return masses of refugees to Haiti without first ascertaining which among them deserve asylum. Mr. Clinton says there is a "big difference" in his program because it is designed to save the lives of refugees in rickety boats. But Mr. Bush gave the same justification. More candid, perhaps, is Mr. Clinton's remark that "maybe I was too harsh in my criti-

cism" of Mr. Bush during the campaign.
This week's argument repeats the Bush claim that the commander in chief, deploying vessels on the high seas to intercept Haitians, is impervious to court restraints. The Bush Justice Department said that a lower court — the same one praised by

candidate Clinton - "intruded intolerably" in military and foreign policy matters in a lawsuit on behalf of Haitian refugees. More politely, the Clinton Justice Department now asks the high court to allow U.S. vessels to continue "under the direction of the Coast Guard and the president and not the federal courts." But the refugees' lawsuit, which the gov-

ernment once denounced as frivolous, doe not ask judges to man the Coast Guard cutters. Contrary to the view of fans of an omnipotent executive, it is not a national weakness that the independent judiciary interprets the treaties and laws, telling the president when he reads them wrong.

Some said that the president was the winner last year when the Supreme Court, asked to enforce an extradition treaty with Mexico, allowed the kidnapping of a Mexican national in his own country for trial in the United States. Some victory. The decision told the world that America's vaunted judiciary would sit by while the executive branch scoured its international agreements for loopholes.

The basic solution is to restore democracy to Haiti, relieving pressure to flee that country either out of fear or in search of a better life. Meanwhile, the United States is legally bound not to return a fleeing Haitian without deciding eligibility for asylum. The Supreme Court can declare that simple matter of justice, depriving the Clinton administration of a shabby legal victory and sparing the nation an international black eye.

-THE NEW YORK TIMES.

Other Comment

India Is Not an Island

Reports of Prime Minister P. V. Narasimba Rao's political demise might have been premature. The destruction of the mosque at Ayodhya by militant Hindus together with the subsequent riots and sectari-an strife had weakened Mr. Rao's authority and put market reform in jeopardy. But then came the budget announcement from Finance Minister Manmohan Singh, which made clear that not only would reforms continue, they would be accelerated. Most overdue was the announcement of a fully convertible rupee for trade. Past Indian governments, as Mr. Singh

told Parliament, have used an artificially valued rupee to subsidize imports at the expense of exports. The Indian economy has paid a price for this form of protection in terms of fat and inefficient domestic enterprises and an unattractive climate for foreign investors. Perhaps the only Indian export that such barriers promoted was the one the country can least afford: the exodus

of a talented and educated people to parts of the world where their enterprise and creativity are allowed to flourish.

There is still little chance of the Indian economy's being confused with the free-trade regimes of Hong Kong and Singapore. But no one should miss the larger point: that an increasingly global economy means no country can be an island. If ever India, with a sixth of the world's population, can no longer close itself off from the virtues of competition, who can? - For Eastern Economic Review (Hong Kong).

Bosnia: A Little, and Late

Reports that Muslims were killed while retrieving U.S. food and medical supplies airdropped into Bosnia highlight the opera-tion's dangerous hit-and-miss nature. But at least President Bill Clinton, and now the Russians, are doing something — unlike their European counterparts. The pity is that Washington did not get involved a year ago. - Gulf Daily News (Manama, Bahrain).

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OPINION

Clinton Seems to Be Off to a Good Start

By Flora Lewis

WASHINGTON — Two deadlines are driv-ing President Bill Clinton's foreign policy thinkers as they plunge into shaping guidelines for what one top official called America's "first post-Cold War administration." They are the early April summit in Copenhagen with Presi-dent Boris Yeltsin of Russia, and the mid-July Tokyo summit of seven industrial nations, which Mr. Yeltsin doubtless will attend, although there is a problem of who should invite him. Despite the promise to focus on domestic issues, there is clearly a sense that national American and

American impetus to get them moving together.

Some scarcely visible structural changes have been made to promote better teamwork inside Washington, partly in the way key appointments are made, which accounts for some of the delays, partly by special links between the new National Economic Council and the long-established National Security Council. People dealing with overlapping domestic and international issues

The rest of the world may get the kind of America it has long been saying it wants — a vigorous, eager partner but not a hegemon.

international affairs cannot be separated, particularly in economics. The United States is not about to turn its back on the world, although neither

will it accept lonely responsibilities.

The decision to air-drop supplies to eastern Bosnia is an example of the approach, although admittedly it was a symbolic, tactical and initial step toward grappling with the much larger problem of Balkan politics.

Allied governments told the United States to

help push through the Vance-Owen scheme for enclaves in Bosnia or go it alone with some other plan. Washington definitely wants others involved, including Russia, and is feeling its

way to longer-term engagement.

NATO is handling the military planning, a way of assuring continued American participation and of enticing the Russians, who are eager for recognition as security partners. Even France has quietly dropped objections to extending NA-TO's role and indicated willingness to take part in this aspect of its operations.

There is a little more time to prepare the G-7 summit in Tokyo, but, like the first Clinton-Yeltsin meeting, it is seen as a critical moment to launch the momentum. In the last few years, those annual sessions have produced wishful rhetoric and scant results on urgent cooperation to restore economic growth, agree on new trade rules and organize help for Russia. All the governments are looking inward now, and the new administration recognizes that it will take firm are being ordered to work on joint papers and report to both directors, a method intended to avert traditional battles for turf.

Mickey Kantor, the U.S. trade representative, has said some harsh things that make it sound more difficult than ever to conclude a GATT agreement. But colleagues say this is how he negotiates and that he really wants a deal, aware that the United States needs one as much as its partners. Meanwhile, lower-ranking officials have been ordered to draw up studies showing



how GATT and the free trade agreement with Mexico and Canada will help U.S. recovery and

Mexico and Canada will help U.S. recovery and provide American jobs.

That is a key to the Clinton approach, an energetic concentration on mobilizing the domestic support needed to carry decisions through to execution. It is why he keeps racing around the country as though he were still campaigning for election and shies away from too much spectacular presence in foreign affairs, although advisers are aware that international policy will not work unless be its seen to be involved. unless be is seen to be involved.

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Key foreign policy issues are being addressed with small steps so far — encouragingly in the right direction toward more cooperation, but without the explanations that would assure foreign partners of where Mr. Clinton really intends to go. This is a gap that has provoked criticism about a lack of policy.

It does reflect prudence, a concern not to go too fast without full consideration of consequences. But it also reflects a deliberate todicy of

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quences. But it also reflects a deliberate poincy of leaving articulation of foreign objectives until the basis is in place, rather than setting goals before figuring out how to move toward them.

Mr. Clinton seems to want to leave the job of speaking to the world for America to others for now, while he speaks as directly as possible to Americans and seeks to create a revival of energy and confidence Many of the others have not veri and confidence. Many of the others have not yet been confirmed by the Senate and are not al-lowed to speak, but their approach is knowledge-

able and sounds reassuring.

My impression at this early stage is that if the president's economic program can maintain public enthusiasm and begin to show effect, the rest of the world will get the kind of America it has long been saying it wants — a vigorous, eager partner but not a begemon ordering others around. That means that the rest of the world will have

to be willing to share more responsibilities. Other national leaders will have to do a better job of explaining to their own publics why cooperation, which means compromise, is necessary and beneficial and why some local interests will have to give way to larger international interests. ft won't be easy, but from up close, Washington looks to be getting off to a good start. If it works, everyone stands to gain.

O Flora Lewis.

Philippines: A Long Road, but Ramos Is Under Way

By Philip Bowring

MANILA — Things are looking up in the Philippines, although there is still a long way to go. Correct economic policies and considerable luck for a country so proce to natural disasters will not be enough to revive a nation whose institutions are as poorly maintained as its physical infrastructure. But after a slow start, President Fidel Ramos is beginning to look serious about tackling some fundamental problems.

He may appear an unlikely figure to do so. He was associated with both the Marcos kleptocracy and the indecisive Aquino government. Despite a clean personal image, he had com-mend of the notoriously corrupt Phil-ippine Constabulary (now part of the national police). He is dull in a nation that loves rhetoric. He scraped into office with a mere 23 percent of the vote. He has to work with a Congress controlled by opposition parties.

His first eight months in office have been dominated by headlines

about power cuts and a spate of kidnappings for ransom, mostly of eth-nic Chinese businessmen. (These abductions, it is widely believed, could take place only with the commission of senior police.)

But now there are signs of remedial action and resolve. Most significant have been long-needed efforts to tackle corruption in law enforcement. A former chief of police has been charged with graft. His successor has resigned. Further purges are in prospect. There are still many Filipinos who doubt that Mr. Ramos has the power to clean up the police. But, urged on by the public, which has become less resigned to crime, the president now has the initiative.

He is also taking on the judiciary, which poses three problems for effi-cient government: corruptibility;

PARIS - By next month, France will have a new govern-

ment, but not a new president.

François Mitterrand has two years

remaining in his presidential term.

and says that he has no intention of

resigning merely because the con-

servative and centrist opposition is

expected to win the parliamentary

elections about to take place. He will stay, he says, to protect the

Compared with the

Britain and Italy,

problems of Germany,

France's are only little

local difficulties. But

people's "social gains" against what he suggests will be the conscience-

No one has serious doubt that the right will win. The only question is

whether enough of the voters who put the Socialist Party into power live years ago will this time vote for

the resurgent ecology parties (there are two of them) rather than the

center-right, and thereby limit the

opposition's expected landshide.
No great issue divides left from right. The Socialist government simply has crumbled under the pressure

of financial scandal (originally over party funding but now implicating

individuals who skimmed funds

took bribes or accepted compromis-

ing gifts and loans) and a public

scandal over the government's re-

sponsibility in the distribution of AIDS-tainted blood to hemophili-

acs. Add to that the boredom factor.

People are greatly bored with the

less depredations of the right.

that is not what the

electorate thinks.

convoluted procedures that frustrate justice; and power plays by judges who have frustrated executive deci-sions by hearing sometimes dubious judicial challenges to them. The judiciary has held up electric-

ity price rises, adding to the power crisis and putting World Bank energy loans in jeopardy, Mr. Ramos recent-ly forced the resignation of a Su-preme Court judge who had been

immense problems, but the president looks serious about tackling some of them. He has shown resolve, and an

openness to the outside.

The country still faces

unduly influenced by a lawyer for Philippine Long Distance Telephone Co., which had gone to court to try to preserve its phone monopoly. Other resignations and retirements should enable Mr. Ramos to pack the court. Congress, although full of lawyers, is now sympathetic to broader reform of the judicial system.

The phone company case signals a willingness by the government to al-low foreign competition to break up monopolies. These have long provid-ed easy profits for the politically well-connected and are hizmed for many of the nation's economic ills. Mr. Ramos is pressing ahead with tariff reforms to open up domestie industry to greater competition.

Grumpy France Heads for a Change

By William Pfaff

Socialists, who have been in power

for all but two of the past 12 years.

Nor is the right really looking for-ward to its victory, which risks being a "poisoned gift," as the French say. The bigger the victory, the more the public will expect solutions to pro-blems left by the present govern-ment — most of which are, of their

nature, impossible to solve in the

two years that remain before Mr.

Mitterrand must leave office, and

Two years is just long enough for

a conservative prime minister and parliamentary majority to get into sufficient trouble to make the public

turn back to the left. It may also be

time enough for the left to put its

house in order, under new leaders.

The leading Socialist candidate for the presidency, a former prime minister who has always been a rival of Mr. Mitterrand's, Michel

Rocard, is calling for total political

recomposition on the left — a "big bang" to explode all the old group-ings and structures, leading to the creation of a new left assembling (as he would see it) all men of

goodwill, the newly popular Greens notably included in his invitation.

right want to hear. They have an

unresolvable problem in that their

seemingly unremovable leaders are aging and overfamiliar, even annoy-ing to the electorate—an ex-presi-

dent, Valery Giscard d'Estaing, and former Prime Minister Jacques

Presumably, a lesser-ranking conservative politician will be-

come prime minister under Mr.

Mitterrand during the expected two

years of "consbitation" of left and

right, leading up to the presidential election scheduled for 1995.

The job at least offers a spring-

Chirac, both men of the 1970s.

This is not what the parties on the

the country elect a new president.

In the past, unholy alliances of left-learning nationalists and protected lo-cal producers (many of them foreignowned) kept a lid on competition. But economic nationalism has been waning in the Philippines. As in Latin America, such a policy is seen to have led to economic stagnation. Many of the younger Filipino business leaders are now more willing to face competition or seek alliances with dynamic overseas Chinese groups.
Mr. Ramos has signaled a less iso-lationist attitude with a series of visits

to Asian countries in an effort to drum up investment and improve his country's battered image.
Through its own fault, the Philip-

pines has missed out on the major waves of Japanese and Taiwanese investment in manufacturing in East Asia. But there is still money to be made if Mr. Ramos can improve the national image.

That may seem too much to expect in a fragmented society with a cumbersome political system and weak bureaucracy. But the president has gone out of his way to try to co-opt ongress to support his program.

Although his own party started with few official members in either house of the legislature, Mr. Ramos has used his powers of patronage and the political skills of the speaker to get members of the House of Representatives, all of whom face re-election in 1995, on his side. The Senate, too, is aware that the public expects more effective government. Senators are concerned that if the system cannot deliver, it will eventually be overthrown. They have responded posi-tively to Mr. Ramos's efforts to tighten executive-legislative links. The president may have less suc-

board to the leadership of the right

when Messrs. Chirac and Giscard

d'Estaing retire or can finally be

pushed aside. But there are large opportunities to go wrong as well. Included in the poisoned gift that the Socialist government leaves be-

hind is 10 percent (and rising) un-

employment and an unprecedented level of public debt.

Hence, this is an election in which the Socialists are depressed

and resigned to defeat, the right fearful of what it is taking on, as well as apprehensive about what

will happen to it in 1995; and the

voting public is apathetic, if not actively hostile to the political class.

The press speaks of a "morose" France; indeed it is.

wrong. By comparison with Germany, Britain and Italy, France is in

marvelous shape. It is in far sound-

er economic and social condition

than the United States, even though

the United States now at last is

Germany is in grave financial

difficulties because of the mishan-dling of reunification, and it experi-

ences serious racial violence and

social conflict. Britain is politically adrift, its leaders flailing, unem-

ployment's rise seemingly unstop-pable, the public demoralized, say-ing that it would abandon the

country and emigrate if there were

any place to go. Italians see virtual-

ly an entire generation of Italian politicians and industrialists com-

promised by public corruption or criminal links. By comparison with

all of that, France's are only little

But that is not what the elector-

ate thinks. Hence, this is a cheerless

election time, and in a cold Paris

March the post-electoral spring-

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local difficulties.

time seems far away.

attacking its problems.

And yet there is nothing seriously

cess in negotiating an end to the Communist and Muslim insurgencies. Both have been much dimin-ished by the democratic process and suffer from internal rifts. Greater dangers to democracy still lurk among disgruntled officers in the armed forces. Mr. Ramos recognizes that effective government can neutralize such threats. The Philippines, which only produces a small portion of the oil it

consumes, may now be in store for some good luck. Philippine oil finds in the South China Sea used to be subject to wild exaggeration. The lat-est ones, by a Shell-led group, seem to est ones, by a shell-led group, seem to have been underplayed. It appears that by 1995 about half of the country's oil could be produced locally.

The reconomic impact of the loss of the U.S. military bases has now been absorbed. Many believe that the mation will be healthier without America.

as a too-convenient scapegoat. Nonethe immense problems. The decay of

roads, the power grid and other infrastructure under the pressure of low savings will slow the nation for years. So, too, will population growth, now at an annual rate of 2.5 percent. Official targets call for 7 percent GNP growth, but more realistic mediumterm estimates are 3 to 4 percent.

Foreign debt is now manageable, but there is a gigantic domestic over-hang from the Marcos years, and this has been worsened by high interest rates to hold down demand. Another problem has been discouragement of productive investment in favor of money markets. Some relaxation of credit is likely this year, but the pay-ments balance remains precanious. One of several problems with the

Philippine clite is its unwillingness to pay taxes. Government revenue is a low 14 percent of GNP, much of this from tariffs. After paying for debt interest, the armed forces, education and public health, there is little left for economic infrastructure.

Political power has long been used as a path to wealth through kickbacks and corruption. There is a lack of investment in job-creating industries, but Manila has a glut of condominiums and upmarket offices. With such examples at the top, it is hardly sur-prising that standards of public administration are abysmal Can President Ramos transcend

the system that created him? At least now he seems to be trying. International Herald Tribune.

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Good Word From Syria: 'Gradually',

By Leslie H. Gelb

N EW YORK — Israeli diplomats told the new and untested American secretary of state to expect some kind of pleasant surprise in Da-masons two weeks ago. President Hamascus two weeks ago. President hafez Assad of Syria, ever the seducer
and strategist, did not disappoint. He
gave Warren Christopher a secret
diplomatic gift that could lead to a
redrawing of Middle Eastern battle
lines and has already caused the
United States, Syria and Israel to
revamp negotiating priorities.

The Syrian strongman told the

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revamp negotiating priorities.

The Syrian strongman told the chief U.S. diplomat that he was really for a major deal with Israel. He repeated public statements about trading "total peace" with Israel for "total withdrawal" by Israel from Syria's Golan Heights. Then he unwrapped his dramatic present: He would no longer insist on instant or even early legach withdrawal. He would agree to Israeli withdrawal. He would agree to both sides carrying out their obliga-

tions "gradually."

This was precisely the magic word
Yitzhak Rabin had been looking for.

The Israeli prime minister had signaled his desire to exchange land for peace, but the security risk had to be manageable. Israel could not and would not take the chance of with-drawing from the Golan until Syria actually demonstrated peaceful in-tentions, and that would have to take time. Israel would feel sale only if it could bring its forces down from the heights gradually.

The sides still have to define "gradually." More important, they

have to agree on the meanings of "total withdrawal" and "total peace." Israel is prepared for a near-total pullout, not a total one. Syria

wants everything out, including Israel's civilian settlements.

Mr. Assad's diplo-blitz surprised
the Christopher party. They had expected him to wait longer before making any big moves, in order to assess President Bill Clinton's mettle. But the Syrian's agreeableness on the Golan and willingness to abandon unreasonable Palestinian demands convinced the Americans that he had even larger purposes in mind. The subtext in the Assad-Christo-

pher dialogue was that Damascus wants to establish a new relationship with Washington and felt that this was the right time to move. Mr. Assad knows that the only way to the American heart is through peace with Israel.

Mr. Rabin was, of course, delight-ed with Mr. Christopher's report of Syrian gradualism. Given the prime minister's intense personal commit-ment to a treaty with Syria, the Amer-icans feared that he might be too delighted—and-try to sidetrack the autonomy talks with the Palestinians.

If anything, however, Mr. Christo-pher ended up more frustrated with the Palestinians than Mr. Rabin was. In his meeting with Palestinian lead-ers he showed great impatience with their inability to make any decisions.

They only wanted to talk about the return of their brethren deported by Israel and stranded in a Lebanese no-man's-land. Israel had already gone far to meet those concerns, but they kept demanding concessions that they knew Israel could not and would not give. Finally Mr. Christopher offered a generous solution -including U.S. pledges to speed up the deportees' return, oppose future deportations and support various United Nations resolutions prized by the Palestinians - and told them to take it or leave it.

The immediate upshot of the Christopher Mideast tour was that the key parties agreed to switch negotiating priorities. They are now readying the fast track for a Syrian-Israeli deal and have relegated the tedious but still critical talks on Palestinian autonomy to a slower lane. Arabs and Israelis alike praised Mr. Christopher's first outing on ter-rain that has proved either a graveyard or a springboard for his recent predecessors. He gave away nothing

to the Syrians, was trough with the Palestinians and prodded the Israelis. His only tactical mistake was a failure to pay enough attention to Shimon Peres, the Israeli foreign minister, whose power now rivals or exceeds Mr. Rabin's in the governing Labor Party and whose ideas on regional issues like economic development and arms control deserve a

Mr. Christopher has begun to reveal a wily negotiating and public relations style. Taking a page from Henry Kissinger's script on how to lower expectations, he started his Mideast trip saying that he was going out there only to listen. He brought home the possibility of much more. The New York Times.

IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1893: Latin Quarter Riot

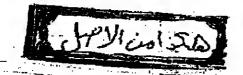
PARIS — There was another distur-bance in the Latin Quarter yesterday (March 4]. It occurred at the Faculty of Law, when M. Ducros' lecture had to be suspended. The disturbance was caused by two lectures coming so close together that students complained they had not the time to breathe. After an unfortunate remark of M. Ducros the riot commenced. Later, medical students started a disturbance, their grievance being that the first year of medical study ought to be suppressed as they consider it useless.

1918: An Ignoble Peace

PARIS - The Herald says in an editorial: The whole awful story of the Bolshevist treachery is reflected in a shameless peace treaty concluded with the Central Empires. Lenin and Trotzky have traded their country to Prussianism. The great Muscovite gi-ant lies prostrate, shorn of his strength by those who first cajoled him by alluring phrases and then be-trayed him to fulfill their bargain with their Potsdam paymaster. Peace has been signed by the Bolshevik, but it is incomprehensible that the nobler elements of the nation will accept such an inglorious destiny. Russia's potential strength is incalculable, and the giant may yet struggle to his feet.

1943: Roosevelt Cartoon WASHINGTON - [From our New

York edition: A picture booklet, "Life of Franklin D. Roosevelt, Thirty-second President of the United States," published by the government and dis-tributed in cleven languages besides English, was assailed today [March 4] on the floor of the House by Representative John Taber, a New York Republican, as "a lot of cheap political propaganda" designed "to promote a fourth term and a dictatorship." The cost of the booklet to the taxpayers was \$13,951,950. It depicts, in car-toon-style, the life of the President from early boyhood to the present.



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OPINION

To Tax, to Spend or to Cut and Run

WASHINGTON — The supply-siders said you could reduce the deficit by cutting taxes," says a veteran Republican observer, "and they were wrong. The Clinton people say you can reduce the deficit without cutting

spending, and they are wrong."
Implicit in this both-house-plaguing is a blinding insight that would surely win the Nobel Prize in economics for any iconoclastic genius who dares to put it forward:

The crowd-pleasing way to reduce

By William Safire

90s, replacing the old determination to hold the line on taxes.

Bill Clinton has transmogrified his promised middle-class tax cut into a \$400-a-year-per-family energy tax increase, and sold it by hitting the upper brease, and sold it by hitting the upper brease, and sold it by hitting the upper brease. brackets deliciously harder and acting as

Clintonomics — 'tax and spend and keep on thinking about cutting tomorrow' - is not our policy. We prefer cutting more and taxing less; high tax rates will bring back loopholes and armies of accountants.

the deficit is to cut spending and raise 5 percent growth rate, but this is widely

Too complex a thought, you say? You will be joined in your decision of this stunning concept by hordes of liberal economists who say that actually reducing spending now would drag down the economy, aborting the Clinton Recovery and throwing more people out of work.

You will also find conservative allies in hooting down the heresy of tax-andcut. Supply-side economists are still certain that any tax increase would stifle the growth begun last year, which in turn would reduce tax revenues and make the deficit worse.

Under this barrage from both sides, the nascent tax-and-cut movement has agreed to submit its plan for computerized review to produce the prestigious Rightwing Pundits' Politico-Economic Confidence Index (RPPECI).

Let's input the data: 1. Deficit reduction is a political vir-tue, the motherhood and apple pie of the says "someday, I'll run on a plan"; the

2. Taxation is no longer a political sin.

if he aches to cut the deficit.

seen to be too good to be true, and

Democrats want stimulus by spending now and taxing a little later — while

Republicans want to do neither and let

the good times pick up steam.

Press ENTER The lightning conclusion from the prestigious Rightwing Pundits' Index:

Everybody is finding a good excuse not to reduce the deficit at all yet, and

never to reduce it substantially.

A secondary, schadenfreudian conclusion: In the politics of contributory

sacrifice, there is no greater pleasure

than the illusion of shared pain.

O.K.; now the Tax-and-Cut Movement has something solid to work with.

Movement has yet to get moving) say that nobody can tell when the perfect moment will come to get serious about

The activist libs will always say "later,

reducing the deficit.

We (and that's an editorial "we"; the

railies in fiscal drag.)
We grumble about how Mr. Chinton double-crossed us with that "New Dem-3. The economy is clipping along at a leftily than he campaigned, but such is politics. Now that he is using deficit reduction as his rallying cry, we should insist he deliver the goods on real def-

> We say that we want Mr. Clinton to succeed, but what we mean is that we want him to succeed using our tax-alittle, cut-a-lot way — or at least by making his sales pitch his real policy.

supply-siders will say "never — lea growth do it."

Our Movement's position: Do it now.

This steals the best reduction ideas

from both sides and offers Perotism

without Perot. What you lose in fiscal

sumulus you gain in fiscal predictability. (Many in our Movement come to

Clintonomics as it has been revealed "tax and spend and keep on thinking about cutting tomorrow" - is not our policy. Like the Federal Reserve's Alan Greenspan, we prefer that Mr. Clinton cut more and tax less, because his high tax rates will bring back all the loopholes and armies of accountants that bend business decisions out of shape.

If the goal is balancing the budget, the Tax-and-Cut Movement thinks the New Direction is off in the wrong direction. We like free markets, not "strategic trade" managed by bureaucrass man-aged by lobbysiss for monopolies of the style favored by Japan's Ministry of In-ternational Trade and Industry, or "in-

dustrial policy" turning over subsidies to electronic highwaymen.

But the liberals are in, and we cannot expect them to act like conservatives. All the Reasonable Right can do is try to cool the new president's bot ideological excesses and remind the singer of the meaning of the words in his song, In time, there will be a demand for change.

The New York Times.

When Pulling the Plug Seems the Only Choice

By Philip Crawford

PARIS — The establishment in the physician may help a terminally ill person take his own life is welcomed by those of us who have watched a loved one suffer through the final stages of a debilitating disease. The Dutch approach should serve as a model.

MEANWHILE

nerve to carry it out, or to go public with their feelings. Dozens of them have told me as much. "Of course I approve of it in theory," goes a typical response, "but I don't know that I could do it."

About 12 years ago, my father told me one day that he had something important to talk about. Scated on a bed in a New Jersey hotel room, he suddenly burst into tears; it was the first time I had seen him even mistyeyed. He had been told that he had myotrophic lateral scierosis, or Lou Gehrig's disease, he said. The first symptoms had been muscle twitches in his left shoulder that would not go away. The doctor had told him that most ALS patients were dead within five years of diagnosis. He could al-ready feel the stiffness spreading into

For two years his neuromuscular system gradually deteriorated. First, he couldn't button his shirt. Then, he needed a cane to walk. His speech became shurred, as if he had had

ARIS—The establishment in the We bought a wheelchair. Getting Netherlands of rules by which a him dressed became a project. Through all of this, he tried to go on performing his job as a utility company executive; he wanted to show that he had no intention of going gentle into that good night.

I remember wheeling him into a Sadly, many physicians support the board meeting in New York one win-concept of euthanasia but lack the ter's day and seeing the hornfield looks on the faces of people he had known for years who had no idea he was ill. He opened the meeting by struggling to say that, no matter how bad it looked, he expected to be in office for many years to come.

He wasn't, of course. Shortly after that, the company asked him to resign. The disease gained momentum, although doctors could not say what the full extent of disability would ultimately be. In some ALS cases, paralysis

suddenly stops progressing and pa-nents live much longer.

Soon, however, my father could barely move or talk. He communicated through a special computer, an innovation at that time. The computer's face was composed of little glass windows that corresponded to the letters of the alphabet. He sat facing it, with a special sensor taped to the rim of his glasses. By moving his head and direct-ing the sensor's light beam into the windows, he could "type" messages onto a remote printout panel.

This system worked great for a while. But then his neck muscles went; he couldn't hold up his head. It hung like a rag doll's unless it was tied to the back of his wheelchair. The computer went back to the clinic.



I am convinced that in those dread-The final chapter was set in a hospital room, with his emaciated body ful straits he would have wanted us to pull the plug; I trust we would have booked up to a battery of machines that kept him about. I remember sitting there talking to him about death. He was not even a "talking head," that figured out a way to do it. I am equally convinced that had "doctor-assisted suicide" been an opawful term sometimes used to describe quadriplegies. He could move one eye-brow a little, and press your arm ever tion, he would have availed himself of it rather than live on as a paralyzed

so gently with a finger. That's all. those around him. Perhaps the Dutch legislation will give other countries the courage to develop similar provisions. That is probably asking too much, though. One look into the deep wells of his eyes told you in no uncertain terms that he had had enough. Recent medical research on ALS The trend seems to be in the other direction. In Michigan, lawmakers votmay have raised hopes for slowing its progress in a small percentage of vic-tims. But to actually reverse the disease's ravages remains a dream.

My father was luckier than many in

ed recently to make doctor-assisted suicide illegal.

What might help? Perhaps a few more physicians who see euthanasia his state. His ulcer hemorrhaged two days later. This brought on cardiac arrest and rapid death. Otherwise, docfor what it is - a righteous, dignified choice made under extraordinary tors said, he could have lived for circumstances - could stand up and he counted months or even a year or two on the

muie, as dependent as an infant on

International Herald Tribune.

pared a perfect puch for the fifth test match against the West Indies? All these years I have been under the impression

that cricket was a gentleman's game played by gentlemen, although a few English and Australian players have giv-

I cannot imagine Wimhledon's groundsman being fired for not rigging the grass courts to favor John Lloyd

against Jim Courier (the difference in

ability being nearly the same as Austra-lia and the West Indies). The Aussies lost by an inning, which is a walkover. Even if they had waterlogged the

pitch, allowed the grass to grow and dug up the crease in order to give themselves

en me reason to doubt this.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Taiwan La China

Regarding "Taiwan Is Not China" (Letters, Jan. 27) from Mei-chin Chen:

It is factually and historically incor-rect to say Taiwan is not a part of China. All Taiwanese, except for the aborigines, who make up about 1 percent of the population, are Chinese who came from the mainland over the past 350 years. The local dialect of Taiwan is basically the same as that of Fujian Province on the mainland side of the Taiwan Straits. Since the 17th century, Taiwan has been formally a part of China, except for the period of Japanese occupation from 1895 to 1945. Because of the civil war in 1949 the government of the Republic of China moved to Taipei and the People's Republic of China was established in Beijing. But Taiwan's official status as a Chinese province never changed. Taiwan-

ese are Chinese just as Cantonese are Chinese and New Yorkers are American. What Mr. Chen is really arguing for is not democracy but Taiwan independence. In a democratic Taiwan, the people are sovereign and are free to choose their destiny. A large majority of the people realize that racially, culturally, linguistically and geographically they are mextricably tied to the rest of China. Political reunification will be difficult and may take a long time because of the

lunge income gap between Taiwan and the mainland. But with the rapid economic changes occurring on the mainland (financed largely by investors from Taiwan and Hong Kong), social and political change will be unavoidable, and what may seem difficult today may become a reality in

CHIH-CHIEN HSU. Tames. The Health of Health Care Regarding "What Price Medical

Care! (Letters, Feb. 18): Barbara Raither writes that she is grateful that I was in France covered by national health insurance" but does not record the cost involved, which is one of the highest in the world.

Despite huge taxes, all European health systems, including the French apparams, are in heavy deficit. As to the quality of the medicine concerned, American medical science is unquestionably the finest in the world.

HERBERT JOHNSON,

Patient, Heal Thyself

Regarding 'Time to Look at Alterna-tive Medicine" (Opinion, Feb. 3) by Charles R. Halpern:

We are responsible for the mess health care is in whenever we ask a physician -- conventional or alternative -to do something for us that we should be doing for ourselves, he it eating fewer Twinkies, getting off the couch and jog-ging, or meditating instead of popping aspirin. Oh, what an expensive, deadly

price is now being paid. LINDA K. CLEMENT. Marly-le-Roi, France.

Homophobia in France

Regarding "A French Perspective on War of the Sexes" (Back Page, Feb. 15) by Mary Blume:

French self-congramlation at the expense of Americans is all too familiar. Madame Badinter to the contrary, gaybashing is rampant in France as well as the United States. As just one example, an acquaintance of mine spent three

you my reactions: I, for one, certainly do months in the hospital after a bend of motorcycle types attacked a bar in cen-tral Paris. Naturally this and other incidenis go unreported.

DAVID ROHN.

Defending the EMU

Your newspaper normally gives a bal-anced and intelligent view on world affairs. But on the monetary crisis, I get a

different impression.

I feel you have been helping, de facto, those who would prefer what is left of the European Monetary Union to disappear from the international horizon for

as long as possible.
In recent days this has stopped. But the articles on the "plot" that you pub-lished on the basis of remarks by Chancellor Helmot Kohl or Prime Minister Pierre Bérégovoy encourage me to send

not believe that the U.S. government is involved in any political plot against the European Monetary Union.

What has happened is that interests

which feel the EMU threatens the most profitable way for them to run their business have established a "party line." Such a "party line" can become a powerful instrument to achieve political objectives and to influence political circles.

I remain convinced that the EMU could make a real contribution to a more

orderly and fair state of affairs in inter-HUBERT CARNIAUX.

Perfect Pitch

Regarding "West Indies Embarrass Pakistan" (Sports, Feb. 26): How can the Western Australian

Cricket Association justify firing their

an advantage, what makes them think that they would have won? Anyhow, firing a groundsman for being good is quite simply; not cricket.

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New Quanzhou Embraces the Old

Vanished Trail of Marco Polo

By Fergus M. Bordewich

UANZHOU, China - "Bus to Quanzhou!" the conductor was urgently shouting. "Immediate departure! It was something of an effort to leave

Xiamen. The old port on the South China Sea had been a happy surprise. The picturesque seediness and the easygoing good nature of the inhabitants suggested a Levantine town of an earlier era. Even in January there was something vaguely Mediterranean in the gay blue and green shutters, and the stucco arcades that lined the main streets, and in the way the onetime colonial port opened up to the sea

Soon after I paid my fare, I realized that the bus to Quanzhou was going nowhere at all until it filled to capacity and beyond. All around me, in the muddy yard that was the bus depot, minuscule Japanese buses were jockeying through a maeistrom of touts, horns and milling travelers. But my own bus continued to exhibit a depressing mertia. Passengers began to get off and disappear. From eight, we sank to six, then to four. Those who remained hung out the windows, shouting at passers-by to climb on.

Finally, in a spontaneous expression of the can-do spirit that separates the prosper-ous province of Fujian from much of the rest of China, my fellow passengers began grab-bing hold of indecisive travelers, dragging them aboard. They hoisted up a student as he stepped from a pedicab and then a stumpy woman with a baby in arms and a huge plastic sack. Next they grabbed a peasant who was stumbling beneath bales of umbrellas, which he later explained he planned to sell in his village.

"Quanzhou! Quanzhou! Quanzhoul" the conductor cried. "Immediate departure!" The bus having at last filled its quota, we rocketed off across the flat, damp countryside, through purple cane fields and stone villages where every roof curled crazily up. like steers' horns.

Quanzhou was the Hong Kong of medieval China, when it was known as Zaytun. Marco Polo called it "a splendid city" inhabited by "peaceable folk, fond of leisure and easy living." whose great seagoing junks re-turned from the corners of the known Orien-

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■ Steven Scagal is having tough sledding with his directing career. In November, the "Under Siege" star was set to make his directing debut on a mobster film, "Man of Honor," but the project was canceled just days before filming was to start. Now Seagal's next directing project "Rainbow Warrior" has been postponed because Warner Bros. says there's not enough snow in Alaska. This came as a surprise to Alaskans: Valdez is buried under almost four feet of snow, while Nome has 10 inches.

tal world laden with "precious stones of great price and big pearls of fine quality." Polo arrived in China with his merchant father in 1271, eventually spending 24 years there; he ultimately became an ambassador for Kublai Khan and ranged over the empire from Mongolia to Burma.

Zaytum's heyday as an international entre-pot lasted from the 12th century to the 15th century, when it was China's main door to the outside world. In Polo's day, the sprawling waterfront teemed with campbor-wood junks driven by huge rattan sails. Enterprising Zaytum traders prowled the islands that would become the Philippines and Indonesia, and west as far as Malabar and the Arabian Sea.

Modern Quanzhou is a compact town of narrow, bustling streets, and sometimes gaily painted concrete and stucco buildings that rarely rise more than two or three stories. Silt long ago choked the medieval port; where the grand flotillas once idled, there are now only homely barges and rustic sampans shaded with plastic tarps. Nevertheless, Quanzhou radiates an appealing mixture of southern languor and restless energy that is in striking contrast to the grit and industrial gloom of so many larger Chinese cities.

HE city's heart is a narrow commercial artery named Sun Yat-sen Road; the flourishing businesses that flank it bear hectic witness to the commercial revolution that has overtaken China. Beneath its lime-green, butteryellow and maroon arcades, vendors hawk live crabs, blue jeans and brass door knockers etched with the trigrams of the I Ching. One corner sported a smith who would hammer out new woks on an anvil, the next a maker of handcrafted bellows, and the one after that a man who advertised homemade poison with a heap of dead rats.

A single day is sufficient to explore Quanzhou. But I spent three days searching for

traces of Marco Polo and the city he knew. I discovered quickly enough that no trace of Polo survived. But there was much that spoke of Zaytun's golden maritime age. An excellent museum preserves fascinating collections of coral, ambergris, spices, sandalwood, glazed pottery and other items that Zaytun's merchants traded across the southern seas and that have been excavated from undersea wrecks.

The museum's pièce de résistance is the remarkably well-preserved hull of a broadbellied 15th-century junk. On such a ship as this, I thought, Polo himself might have sailed away at last from the Celestial Kingdom.

Not far away, the crumbling though still massive ruins of the 11th-century Qingjing Mosque suggest the wealth and prestige that Zaytum's Muslims enjoyed. Some served as local administrators, and others as customs collectors, and in time of need they pooled their funds to build the city's defensive wall.

The mosque's modest museum shelters an assortment of tantalizing tombstones coarsely carved in Arabie and Persian. Typed cards translated the names into Roman lettering: Makhid Asmar al Mushai-eddin, Naina Omar ben Ahmed ben Mansur ben Omar al-



Abinia, Khalat Husayn, Hakyim Alad. These men of Shiraz, Isfahan and Yemen must have been the great merchants of their day, the distant forerunners of the Jardines and Sassoons. Had one of them, perhaps, caught a fleeting glimpse, one ancient after-noon, of the intrepid Venetian as pushed his way through the alleys of Zaytun's bezaar?

Unlike Polo, however, Zaytum's Arabs and Persians have not disappeared without trace. Their descendants still live in present-day Quanzhou, although their names had grown fignified as Dings, Guos and Huangs.

If there was a connection with Zaytun's medieval past, I thought, it lay here, in these solemn men, indistinguishable from any other Chinese but for their round cotton caps, bowing and kneeling here as their ancestors had for nearly a thousand years.

Torrential showers spoiled my last morning in Quanthou. To escape them, I dodged into the Kaiyuan Temple. Inside, there was the sweet smell of incense, and somewhere an echoing clatter, where supplicants were whose random patterns would, for a fee, he interpreted by the resident monks. Stepping through the momental red door into the dim and lofty sanctum, I found myself face to face with the three towering, gilded Buddhas of the past, present and foture, mysterious in the half-light and smiling ineffably.

Beyond them, the goddess of mercy, Guanyin, radiated hundreds of gentle arms; still deeper in the temple, bathed in a coppery gold light, I could see Dicang, the orphic Chinese Buddha who, it was said, traveled ceaselessly through the netherworld to redeem the dead.

Perhaps Polo had once stood here too, I thought; a man of his time, he called Buddhists "idolators," but without disparagement, with the respectful curiosity of a man who had spent long years learning that Christian Venice was but a mmor city in a remote corner of the world.

Fergus M. Bordewich, the author of "Cathay: A Journey in Search of Old China, "

Provence's Truffle

By Christopher Petkanas

UPS, France - When the glossy food magazines do stories on truf-fles, the truffle hunter is always some backwoods matinee idol with a scraggly but not too-scraggly beard, a thick sweater tucked into perfectly worn corduroy trousers held up with a bit of frayed twisted rope, and Wellingtons just like the ones Prince Philip wears at Balmoral. Readers swoon on cue, subscriptions are imagely renewed, and everybody is happy. But they won't find their prototype truffle hunter in

In Provence, on the fringes of the Aups truffle market 125 kilometers (80 miles) west of Antibes on the Mediterranean coast, the hunter with whom the fast-rising chef Clé-ment Bruno is closing a 18-kilogram (40-pound) off-the-books deal looks like a wild man. He looks like he has never slept anywhere except under the stars. He wears sneakers, unlaced, and no socks. The rest of his outfit is just as absurd if it is meant in any way to deal with the cold, at this moment killer. He has no beard, just a pale sickly complexion remarkable for someone whose work keeps him outdoors in the meridional sun and mistral. You don't want to know

This is the Provençal truffle world, or rather the Provençal truffle underworld. "The Aups market is theater, folklore — real business is done beforehand," sniffs Bruno, who says he serves more of the tuber - 1,000 kilos a year — than any restaurant on the planet. His friend and fan, Paul Bocuse, calls him The Truffle Emperor.

"The milieu of the truffle is very confidential," says Bruno, whose open-armed style of cooking and wildly successful formula of a single 270-franc (about \$49) menu has drawn top chefs from around the country, from Alain Ducasse to Georges Blanc. Bruno adds that between buyers and sellers of truffles, "things are said without being said, if you see what I mean."

A writer of children's stories and former owner of five real estate agencies here in the Var, Bruno, 45, is a self-taught cook whose home and eponymous restaurant are squeezed into a late-18th-century curate's house in Lorgues, just south of Anns. When he opened 10 years ago he canceled buch whenever there were too few reservations—being able to pay the electricity bill was definitely not worth letting people see how bad business was. At 6 foot 5 inches (1.95 meters) and 330 pounds (the latest edition of the Gault-Millan guide cheats him out of 22 pounds), he is described rather accurately and touchingly on his own menu as a "tranquil ogre."

With a peasant-stock supplier like the hunt-er with no socks, Bruno has a many-layered rapport that underscored his mission to demorratize one of the costliest and most universally longed-for foodstuffs. "Whatever an elitist is, I am the opposite. A road builder or hunter at my table is just as important to me as a government minister — and I get all three," he says. "While the road builder is always dazzled by what you put before him, the minister can be blast. Anyway, ministers are not the clientele I prefer — always in a rush." Greedy restaurateurs with their eye on the till have aiways used truffles as a tool to jack prices up to the heavens. A lone coin of truffle or a sprinkling of matcheticks on a dumb salad of no interest is a saiad for which you can easily pay, in francs, three digits.

Bruno is out to blow his colleagues' cover. This winter one of his set menus includes an apening and a first course of fresh tagliatelle, made with three eggs for every pound of flour, and boiled in water in which truffles have been thawed. (In the absence of just-dug truffles, Bruno recommends frozen vacuum

truffles, Bruno recommends frozed vacuumpacked ones; sterilizing turns them rubbery,
he says.) Mounded with scallops of fresh
lobster and, from the farmers' market at the
Lorgues, blanched Jezusalem artichokes attle
santeed parsnips, the noodles are sanced with
a giddily excessive combination of thick truffle and-cepes "cream," lobster stock mounted with butter and sessoned with fragrant
Contends see ask, virgin olive oil from the Cubrande sea salt, virgin olive oil from the neighboring Gervasoni mill, and Tuber melanosporum from Aups in both sticks and crumbs for textural interest. Before the dish is raced from its holding station it is showered with a final, extravagant Parmeson de truffe. In other words, truffies are grated over it the way cheese is grated over pasta in plainer, not

to mention poorer, kitchens.
Bruno also cooks with T. magn white truffle from Alba in Italy, as well as the native T. aestivum. Tuber snobs reserve their lowest regard for the latter but only mycologists balk when he sends out a whole one, gists balk when he senus out a whole one, encased with foie gras and smoked bacon in flaky pastry, to follow the tagliatelle. As a third course, local, freshly bagged pheasant are browned, stewed with chestnuts, lardous and a chiffornale of cabbage, then moistened with their own truffle-laced stock. First-timers chez Bruno tend not to expect to find fungus in their vanilla ice cream, the crème briliee, the caramel sance accompanying the apple tart, and in the crepe batter and filling. But by the time they leave they are smiling believers in the chef's philosophy that every-thing in patisserie is double with truffles and all for the price of a meal in a flashy fish joint down on the water you would have trouble remembering the next morning.

OW does he do it? In early December Bruno paid \$66 per pound for unbrushed T. melanosporten from his friend who is not a picture postcard. At Christmas, as the truffles increased in ripeness, he paid \$100. Now, as the season comes to a close, he is paying \$145. These are more or less the prices available to everyone. But Bruno simply takes a lower market, without holding his customers. hostage for something he knows they would be willing to pay more for. The other thing that keeps costs down, and everything tasting so fresh, is the single menu: There is no

stocking of ingredients.

"Cooking carries a message of love, of sentiment, of nostalgia, and when I am in the kitchen I always think of the person in the dining room who receives my message," says Bruno, whose pot-au-feu is also packing them in at his new Bistro de Casino in Saint-Raphael on the coast. I feel a moral responsibility to the people I cook for. In any case I am only an apprentice, a perpetrator of traditions, an artisan who doubts himself every

THE MOVIE GUIDE



Hatachi no Binetsu Directed by Ryosuke Hashiguchi. Japan.

Tatusro is working his way through college. By selling his body. Women, men, it makes no difference to him but men pay more. His girlfriend doesn't even suspect. Not even when she invites him home for a meal and Dad turns out to be one of his clients. It is indicative of the grace of the film that this excruciating family meal is not played for laughs, and if you miss the connection you've missed it. Ryosuke Hashiguchi in his first full-length film (the title of which might be translated as "Slightly Feverish") examines the lives of his mercenary boys and girls with a dignity and affection rare in manga-mad young Japanese

At left, a scene from "Hatachi no Binetsu." cinema. Through long takes and laconic editing, he creates an adolescent world without hope but not without feeling. The director has said that Bresson is a major influence and the scrupulous attention he gives his amateur actors, his control of the self-effacing camera and his own emotional restraint makes this 16mm first film one of the most interesting of the

(Donald Richie, IHT)

Belle Epoque Directed by Fernando Trueba. Spain.

The improbable is an underlying motif throughout this period-piece comedy centered on a handsome young man visiting a country home with four beautiful daughters. Except, strangely, for a few minutes of the truly unbelievable at the beginning and the end, the film is a wellpaced romp through the best of biting, sophisticated Spanish

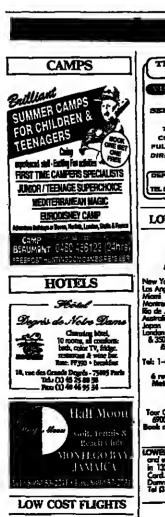
society and politics all get roasted. As Spain moves toward becoming a republic in early 1931, a young army deserter (Jorge Sanz) sumbles upon the spa-cious rural home of a clever ciderly painter (Fernando Fer-nán Gomez). When the artist's daughters arrive for a visit, the young man becomes a sometimes swift, sometimes reluc tant fox in a benhouse, depending on which razor-sharp daughter is involved at the moment. One daughter is a flirt (Maribel Verdii) who sows confusion for the new guest and her bungling village suitor (Gabino Diego). The youngest (Penclope Cruz) demonstrates for her second consecutive film (also in "Jamon, Jamon") that she has mastered the heart-of-gold role. The acting is marvelously deep right through the supporting roles. Even when the comedy goes over the top, the sheer fun

humor. Love, the church, high

of it all makes it acceptable. Al Goodman, IHT) Falling Down Directed by Joel Schumacher.

U.S. "Falling Down" plays a lot of. tricks. It turns one man's slide toward madness into a wickedly mischievous, entertaining sus-pense thriller. On one side is D Fens (Michael Douglas), who, having abandoned his car, moves across Los Angeles by foot, leaving a trail of casually mangled bodies on street corners, in a clothing store, on a golf course, In pursuit are Detective Prendergast (Robert : Duvall) and his colleagues of the Los Angeles Police Depart ment. At first with some boredom, then with apprehension and horror, they follow the trail of the man who keeps saying he just wants to get home. "Fall-ing Down" is glitzy, casually canel, hip and grim. It's some times very funny, and often nasty in the way it manipulates one's carkest feelings.

(Vincent Canby, NYT)



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All of the major U. S. and Canadian carriers offer air passes for travel on their domestic networks. If you plan to visit more than three cities within North America on business or pleasure, an air pass can save you as much as 70 percent on the regular coach (economy) fares.

. North American air passes are only sold to overseas visitors possessing a round-trip ticket on scheduled flights and must be bought before leaving borne. Most airlines require you to fly either with them or a

national airline of the country you start from in order to buy their air passes. You may have to pay a supplement of \$100 or so if you fly in with a foreign carrier. The big no-no is that you cannot fly another U. S. airline.

Typically, an air pass is valid for 60 days from the time you start to use it. You normally buy it in the form of coupons, one for each segment of your itinerary. Sometimes each connecting flight counts as one coupon. With most air passes there is a minimum of two or three and a maximum of 10 coupons. You must specify your itinerary in advance but only the first sector needs to be prebooked; you can leave flights open and change the date and time of travel. You may be able to change your routing for a penalty of around \$25 to \$50.

Choosing an air pass is a matter of deciding which airline best serves the cities on your itinerary, the hubs you prefer to use or avoid, and the gateway for entering and leaving. You can't go far wrong with the air passes of United, Delta, American, and Northwest because of their extensive nerworks. Prices are much the same: three coupons will cost you about \$300. Expect to pay \$75 for each additional coupon.

A good way to combine economy with flexibility is the unlimited passes marketed by Delta and Northwest. These are on a standby basis, but allow you unlimited travel for a fixed cumber of days. Delta's 30 and 60 days standby passes cost \$449 and \$749. Northwest's 30-day standby is \$499 and allows you virtually unlimited travel in the U.S. and Canada.

Some U.S. carriers offer sidetrips to Ha-waii, Mexico, Alaska or the Caribbean. For example, American charges \$225 for flights markets a good value Florida/Bahamas pass (allowing flights within Florida and between Florida and the Bahamas) costing \$129 for two, \$179 for three and \$229 for four cou-

Aerolineas Argentinas sells a four-coupon air pass for \$359 allowing up to 30 days of domestic travel. You can buy a maximum of eight coupons costing \$459. Varig has a similar deal for travel in Brazil. A minimum five coupons is \$440 and you can buy up to nine additional coupons at \$100 each. Varig has teamed up with Aerolineas Argentinas to offer the Mercosur air pass which covers over 70 cities in the two countries as well as points in Paraguay and Uniguay. The cost depends on distance.

Air passes offer major savings in Australia and New Zealand. Qantas and Australian Airways market a joint pass. Two coupons cost from 370 Australian dollars (\$257), depending on the sectors and you can buy up to eight additional coupons for 140 Australian dollars each. Fly Sydney-Brisbane for 120 Australian dollars, a saving of around 50 percent, with the Australian Airlines air pass. You can buy as many coupons as you wish, and save 25 to 50 percent on normal fares. International travelers with Air New Zealand can buy its three-coupon pass at 399 New Zealand dollars (5208). Eight flights costs 920 New Zealand dollars.

South African Airways sells a four- to

eight-coupon African Explorer pass, valid for one month, which can save up to 60 percent on SAA domestic and regional lights to Mauritius, Zembia, Zimbabwe,

10 Hawaii and \$160 for Mexico. Northwest offers Alaska (from Seattle) for \$325 and Hawaii (from Los Angeles) for \$375. USAir ban, and Cape Town costs 1,327 rand (\$423) with the air pass, compared with the normal fare of 1,969 rand.

Fly any carrier into India and you qualify for Indian Airlines' unlimited travel pass. This is valid for 21 days and costs \$400. The only condition is that you can only make one stopover in each city.

Air passes are starting to emerge in Europe as airlines learn how to compete with the new climate of liberalization. SAS markets a Visit Scandinavia air pass for domestic flights in Denmark, Sweden and Norway. plus international flights to all three countries. It is also valid in on Linjeflyg domestic flights in Sweden and Danair in Denmark. It is available to residents of some European countries. In Britain, for example, you can buy one coupon for £50 and two for £100. Additional coupons (maximum six) cost £40 each. You must fly SAS to the region. British Airways markets a pass for domestic travel in Britain in countries outside Eu-

rope and Israel. You can buy three to 12 coupons costing £39 each (£49 if you fly through London).

A month ago, Air France, Air Inter, Sa-bena, and CSA Czechoslovak Airlines, started jointly marketing a Euro Flyer pass to residents of North and Central America. South America, Africa (except North Africa) Australia, Hong Kong, Thailand, Singapore, Malaysia and Indonesia. The pass enables you to fly whenever you wish in economy class on all of the European routes of the four airlines for \$120 per flight sector. You can buy up to nine coupons that are valid for stays of seven to 60 days. You must purchase the pass with a round-trip to France, Bel-gium or the Czech Republic with a participating carrier.

DONTS

Avoid Short Flights

Don't waste coupons on short sectors like New York-Boston. You'll get best value by flying distances like New York-San

Check Eligibility Conditions

Do check whether you must fly an airline all the way from your city of origin to qualify for its air pass. As a rule you can fly a national carrier but not, for example, o competing U.S. airline.

Mostly Economy Class

Don't forget air passes are mostly for coach (economy). Northwest allows you to upgrade to first class.

Hub Connections

Do check whether connecting through a hub, if there's no direct flight, counts as one or two coupons. For example, USAir allows you fly New York-Charlotte-Miami

By Israel Shenker

EVEY, Switzerland - Near the entrance to the Alimentarium, a food museum on the shores of Lake Geneva, stands the figure of a fabulous beast symbolic of animal food and worthy of the witches' brew in "Macbeth" — head of chicken, flank of sheep, body of cow, rump of pig fins of fish. More down to earth is the um garden outside, host not to flowers and shrubs but to herbs and vegetables.

Inside, the exuberance of nature is tamed into a series of exhibits displayed with inge-nious skill. On three bright floors, filled with

nious skill. On three bright floors, filled with glass and white space, visitors can savor the pleasures of imaginative pedagogy.

Beyond the glassed-in entrance the first of three permanent exhibits, "From the Sun to the Consumer," portrays the flow of energy and matter through the food chain. The next exhibit, "Their Daily Bread," examines the habits of peoples widely separated, demonstrating how radically their diets differ. The third exhibit, "Food in the Past," shows how food has developed from its primitive beginnings, with displays of tools and techniques marking the progression.

The Alimentanium, in this resort town, was dreamed up by the Nestlé company's

was dreamed up by the Nestle company's management in the early 1980s. A foundation bankrolled by the company runs the

Food for Thought in Swiss Museum

the University of Neuchâtel to a Cameroon village to bring back material on millet, to the Philippines (rice), to the Peruvian Andes (potatoes and corn) and to Turkey (wheat). "Their Daily Bread" displays sample huts and rooms from these four corners of the world. Authenticity is guaranteed — except that the peanuts in the Cameroon hut proved so tempting that they had to be glued down.

One might also be tempted by the computer analyzing body weight in the introductory exhibit, where you can key in the requested information (occupation, height, exercise habits) and see how you measure up.

Nearby, visitors are invited to test their sense of smell at the aroma table by dipping a slip of paper into a numbered slot and guessing which food provided the aroma.

Near scenes of banqueting displayed in "Food in the Past," are earphones on which visitors can hear actors impersonating cele-brated chefs, including Marie Antoine Car-erne (1784-1833) and Anguste Escoffier (1847-1935).

Careme: "My taste is very sure . . . and you have to admit I'm very gifted." Escoffier boasts that he uses only natural ingredients. In most of its exhibits, the museum aims at Before the Alimentarium opened in 1985, neutrality. One display advises that "Alcoholthe museum dispatched ethnologists from ic beverages are both foods and drugs." Another, coming perilously close to partisanship, suggests that "It's not chocolate that should

be avoided but an excess of chocolate."

Recently, a display in the basement featured a chocolate-making machine with a capacity of 20 kilograms, or about 44 pounds. The machine has a roller that moves back and forth in a vat of milk chocolate. smoothing and blending and aerating. From moids into which the chocolate was poured, visitors were offered samples. Until the museum took countermeasures, curious children routinely dipped exploratory fingers into the cocoa butter. They like to see with their fingers," said the museum's administra-tor, Monique Riedel.

In "The Sun to the Consumer," children can step inside a giant open mouth, perch on white stools disguised as teeth — 12 upper, 12 lower — and view a film entitled "King Alphonse's Teeth," in which a talking rabbit advises His Ghuttonous Majesty to adopt a health diet, brush the royal choppers after every meal and see the court dentist twice a

exhibit in "Food in the Past"—about four inches (10 centimeters) long and less than two inches wide — is the world's oldest surviving staff of life, a bread roll from an Egyptian tomb dating to at least 2200 B. C. The minuscule treasure, looking like a burnt Little Mac caparisoned with a green pan-cake, is celebrated in the Guinness Book of Records. It has honey inside, and perhaps milk, with sesame seeds topside.

The museum flaunts not only farm machinery and tools but a clockwork mechanism (this is, after all, Switzerland) for a hand-forged turnspit. Other exhibits include wood stoves, gas and electric ranges, pastry wheels, devices for stuffing sausages, butter molds and milk sterilizers. There are even baby bottles from the 18th, 19th and 20th centuries, from primitive to highest tech.

In photographs and on well-laden tables there are scenes of plenty; other exhibits illustrate poverty. One graphic display in "Food in the Past" documents the drop in workers' buying power during the crisis

years of 1816-17, when the number of bread loaves a Vevey day-laborer could buy for his family fell from nine to three. Even for classless societies there is food for thought. With model cows and people, the museum illustrates how 2.5 acres (a hectare) of wheat can feed 20 people or two cows.

The chateau housing the Alimentarium, erected at the end of World War I, was once the headquarters of the Nestlé and Anglo-Swiss Condensed Milk Company, which moved to a modern glass colossus not far away. The interior of the château was all but gutted during its transformation into e space suitable for a museum. In front of the museum, isolated from its gastronomic splendors, stands a statue of Charlie Chaplin, in tramp's guise, erected in memory of the actor who lived oear Vevey.

The Alimentarium receives about 50,000

visitors annually, a third of them schoolchildren. The entry fee is \$3.30, about \$2 for children. The museum includes oot only photographs of cafés but also a genuine

Israel Shenker, o former New York Times carrespondent who travels frequently to Switzerland, wrote this for the Times.

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Kunsthistorisches Museum (tel: 52.177). To June 27: "Die Welt der Maye." More than 300 objects explore the world of the Mayes spanning Belize, El Salvador, Guatemala, Hon-duras and Mexico.

Antwerp
Koninklijk Museum voor Schone
(tel: 236.78.09). To March 7: "De
Bruegel & Rubens: L'Ecole de Peinture Anversoise, 1550-1650." One
hundred and fifty works by local artists throughout the century. BRITAIN

Birmingham
Ikon Gailery (tel: 643.0708). To
April 3: "In Fusion: New European
An." A display of paintings, sculptures, photomedia, installation and
performance art by 11 young, contemporary artists. London Accademia Italiana delle Arti e

Accademia Italiana delle Arti e delle Arti Applicate (tel: 225.3474). To March 14: "Premonitions: 1985-92." Tissue paper drawings on a grand scale by the Argentinian-born artist, Ricardo Cinatti.

NATFHE Conference Centre (tel: 837.36.36). To April 17: "Six Women." An exhibition of painting, printmaking, sculpture and textile works by six women.

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Tha South Bank Cantra (tel: 921.0886). To March 14: "Gravity and Grace: The Changing Condition of Sculpture." Explores the period from 1965 to 1975. Such artists as Joseph Beuys, Barry Flannigan, Marlo Merz and Michelangelo Pistolate are represented.

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National Gallery of Canada (tel: 990.19.85). To May 9: "Mary Cassatt." Ten of the artist's color prints, along with works by some of her

Art Gallery of Ontario (tal: 977.04.14). To April 25: "Caricatures." A light-hearted exhibit which displays 29 new acquisitions of humorous, satirical and illustrative graphic and graphic an.

THE CZECH REPUBLIC

Museum of Applied Arts (tal: 57.73.06). To March 30: "Borek Sipek — The Nearness of the Far Architecture: Design." Furniture, glassware, ceramics and drawings by the Czech designer.

FRANCE



Photo from "Hidden Americas" exhibit in Washington.

JAPAN

by the French contemporary artist.
Grand Paleis (tel: 47.22.20.42). To
March 8: "SAGA." The yearly art fair
for gatieries showing graphics and
other works in multiple actitions. To
March 8: "Le Desain de Collection."
More than 30 galleries display their
finest 16th to 18th century drawings
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and scattmen. Mueée d'Art Modern (tel: 47.23.61.27). To March 14: "Expressionnisme en Allemagne: "Expressionnisme en Allemagna: 1905-14." More than 400 paintings, wood engravings, acrylics, drawings and sculptures by German Expressionist artists. Included are works by Kandinsky, Kirchner, Klee and

GERMANY

Startiche Museen (tel: 268.2629).
To May 31: "Die Errusker und Europa." As part of an effort to promote cultural exchange in the European community, this exhibit of European Erruscan art is on loan from the French National collection.

IRELAND

Dublin
The Irlah Museum of Modern Art
(tel: 718.666). To April 18: "Marie
Foley: Sculpture." Foley's pieces
comprised of found objects, porcelain, bog oak and slate, explore human spirituality and ancient cultures.

Musée Jean Viney (tel: Jerusalem The Israel Museum (tel: 70.88.11). To May 31: "Jules Flandrin." A retrospective including more trian 300 peintings by the classical artist.

Paris
Centre Georges Pompidou (tel: 70.88.11). To May 24: "When Grandma and Grandma

Stockholm

Nationalmuseum (tel: 6664250). To April 12: "Munch and Carriere: Two Symbolist Primmakers." Forty

SWITZERLAND

Martigmy
Fondation Pierre Glanadda (tel: 22.39.78), To June 10: "Retrospective Jean Dubuffet, 1901-85." More than 150 works in various mediums

High Museum of Art (tel: 577.6940). To May 30: "Raiph Eugene Meetyard: An American Visionary." A retrospective featuring 125 black-and-white photos.

To April 25: "Torino e l'Arte." An exhibition on Turin's role in contemporary culture and art between 1950

Himeji City Museum of Art (tel: 92.22.22.88). To April 1: "Pictures, Stories and Poems." More than 60 pictures pertaining to subjects found in literary works, including Picesso's archives for a Battern owel and Ma. etchings for a Balzac novel and Ma-tisse's etchings for e collection of

The National Museum of Modern Art (tel: 761.4111). To April 18: "Craft works From All Over the World." Included are more than 500 articles including pottery, glass, dyed textiles and jeweiry.

Castello di Rivoli (tel: 958.7258).

Sogo Museum of Art (tel: 465.2361). To March 28: "Europeen Baroque Paiming From the National Museum in Warsaw." More than 100 oils and sketches from 16-18th century artists such as Rubens, Van Dyck and Panini."

NETHERLANDS

Groninger Museum (tel: 183.343). To April 25: "Mirror of East Asian Art from the Rijkemuseum Amsterdam." Works from China, Japan, India, Indonesia and Nepal executed between the 2d and 17th centuries.

Fundació Joan Miro (tel: 329,19,08). To March 21: "Mitja Tu-

sek: 'Quelconque.' " The Yugoslavi-an-born artist superimposes bees-wax and pigment to form a sort of independent protections in time and SDECE.

SWEDEN

prints by the Norwegian and French artists.

UNITED STATES

Houston

Museum of Fine Arts (tel: 526.1361). To April 18: "The Ancient Americas: Art from Sacred Landscapes." The most wide-ranging exhibition of Pre-Columbian art ever held in the U.S. Explores the world view of 13 Pre-Columbian cutures through art, architecture and landscape, with 300 objects.

The J. Paul Getty Museum (tel: 459.76.11). To May 9: "Central European Drawings of the 16th and 17th Centuries." Features drawings by German, Swiss and Czech artists. Included are works by Lucas Cranach, Deniel Lindtmayer and Karel Strate.

New York American Craft Museum (tel 956.3535). To March 28: Nancy Crow: Work in Transition." More than 30 works by the contemporary quill maker, including one-block, bow ite. nontraditional dyed fabrics and surface design. To March 28: "John McQueen: The Language of Contain-

ment." Thirty-nine works by the con-temporary basket weaver. The Corcoran Gallery of Art (tel: 638.3211). To April 4: "Africa Explores: 20th-Century African Art." More than 100 objects from 15 countries in a variety of different media.

includes painting, sculpture, ceram-

ics, engraving and printing. (tel: 357.2247). To March 29: "Fauna and Figures: The World According to David Beck." Six miniaturized, mixed-media constructions which lend a humoristic overtone to the art-

National Museum of American Hisresource wasseum of American History (tel: 357.3129). To March 26: "Hidden Americas." Sixty photographs document the lifestyle and culture of Gypsies in the United States between the 1930s and the 1950s.

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Boeing Says Boom Is Coming In Aircraft Sales and Air Travel

By Lawrence M. Fisher

New York Times Service

SAN FRANCISCO — Boeing Co. said
Thursday that it expected world air travel, and demand for new airplanes, to recover from the industry's current shump, resulting in substan-

industry's current shump, resulting in substantial growth by the end of the decade.

The Boeing 1993 Current Market Ontlook, released Thursday, predicts that worldwide passenger travel will grow at an average annual rate of 5.4 percent through 2010. As a result, at least 12,000 commercial airliners will be needed over the next 18 years to accommodate growth and replace older airplanes.

Boeing estimated the value of the 12,000 aircraft at about \$815 billion in 1993 dollars, averaging \$45 billion a year, compared with sales of \$21 billion annually for the past 20 years. Its estimate did not represent a significant change from its projections of a year ago.

Boeing's optimistic outlook comes after two months in which it announced plans to scale back production of all of its commercial aircraft and to eliminate 28,000 jobs over the next 18 months. Boeing said the cuts were necessary because of orders that had been canceled or the state orders by airlines bit by the slobal delayed orders by airlines hit by the global

At a news conference in Washington, Richard R. Albrecht, executive vice president of the Boeing Commercial Airplane Group, said that

alter an overall traffic decline in 1991, air travel improved during 1992.

"However, especially in the case of the domestic carriers," he said, "some of this growth came at the expense of yield," or revenue per passenger mile, because of the recession and compenitive fare-cutting by airlines.

Boeing's overall forecast "remains plausible," said Wolfgang Demisch, an analyst with UBS Securities. But, he said: "The principel uncertainty remains: Does the global trade and investment framework remain as dependent on global transportation in the next 20 years as in the last 20 years? The airlines, at least right now, are in fact fairly close to break-even, and it wouldn't take too much to put them into the black, and perhaps exuberantly so."

Boeing said the Asia/Pacific region, especially China, would see the highest growth rates in the near future. Japan and China respectively are the second and third largest aircraft markets after the United States. "This highlights the importance to Boeing of maintaining favorable

importance to Boeing of maintaining favorable trade relations with Japan and most-favored-nation status for China," Mr. Albrecht said.

For Boeing to capture a significant share of future aircraft sales, it will have to remain competitive with Airbus Industrie, the Europe

lenge is to get their costs down, get their productivity up and expand their product line."



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WALL STREET WATCH

AmEx's Ousted Leader Got a Lot, Wants More

By Jon Friedman Bloomberg Business News

TEW YORK — The battle between James D. Robinson 3d and the board of American Express Co. over the embittered former chairman's compensation package is developing into a high-stakes game of poker. Each side holds hole cards that could damage the other's business reputation.

Mr. Robinson, who had been chairman and chief executive since 1977, was forced out by the board on Feb. 22 after the company suffered a number of scandals and financial debacies on his watch Mr. Robinson's parting compensation package includes \$730,000 a year in retirement benefits, \$1.1 million in severance pay and \$2.8

million in deferred compensayears, provided he does not lure James D. Robinson away American Express can sought a plethora of

ployees or customers.

"Jim got what he was entitled to - but not a penny more," said one former American Ex- severance package.

press executive. The severance pay is based on American Ex-

press's formula of awarding 60 weeks of base salary to an employee who has worked there for at least 12 years.

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Sources inside American Express said Mr. Robinson hoped to receive a plethora of perks, including an executive assistant and access to American Express's fleet of jets. He wanted a three-year consulting position with the company. The man who once dibbed himself the "chief quality officer" also sought company backing to endow a chair at the Harvard business school to teach that subject.

Feaful of class-action lawsuits from shareholders, the board rebuffed Mr. Robinson. And it told him he must vacate his levish rebuffed Mr. Robinson. And it told him be must vacate his lavish company-owned apartment next door to the Minseum of Modern Art.
Still, the board has reason not to leave Mr. Robinson too

embittered. If he chooses to press his side of the story, he has top advisers at hand: His wife, Linda Gosden Robinson, heads Robinson, Lake & Co., a big public-relations firm, and has ties to reporters at major newspapers and magazines. "But Jim would be better off if he kept quiet," said one former American Express executive. "He is holding a weak hand."

Indeed, PR cannot cover up American Express's disappointing performance under Mr. Robinson. Its earnings were erratic, and its stock has languished in the low \$20s for several years.

Barclays Loss Brings Dividend Cut

International Herald Tribune, Friday, March 5, 1993

LONDON - Barclays Bank, brought low by £2.54 billion (\$3.68 billion) of bad debts in

1992, reported Thursday its first full-year pretax loss since it was incorporated nearly a Century ago.

What shocked the market, however, was

not Barclays' £242 million loss as much as the cut in its dividend. Calling it an "extraordinary decision," Nick Gough, an analyst with NatWest Securities, said, "it reflects how extraordinarily bad things were and how uncer-tain they are looking forward."

The news was doubly odd given a growing

optimism here that Britain's often-pro-claimed recovery has at last taken hold. In an unusually fractious news conference, Barclays executives found themselves put on the defensive. Pointing ont that this marked the second year in which the bank has had to dip into its reserves to pay its dividend, Peter Wood, its finance director, said the decision to lop 6 pence off the interim dividend of 12 pence a share was "a difficult decision felt to be in the best long-run interests of the

Andrew Buxton, executive chairman, began his remarks by promising to halve his own job. He said that even though the bank had a history of one person serving simultaneously as chairman and chief executive, under pressure from the bank's largest holders he would break that tradition and split up the job. "It is neither practical nor right to take both responsibilities," said Mr. Buxton, who had first hinted at such a move in December. Mr. Buxton refused, however, to be pinned

down as to when the bank would announce a new top executive or whether the search was on for a new chief executive or chairman. Analysts said that the board should look beyond its own ranks for new people.

One analyst described the bank's senior management as "tainted" by the specter of its massive loan losses. "Management is all in the dock together on this," said Chris Eller-ton, an analyst with Warburg Securities, who said shareholders would look for an outsider to come in and shake things up.

Many analysts traced the bank's problem to its 1988 rights issue that brought it £920 million of fresh cash right at the top of the economic cycle. That infusion enabled the bank to greatly expand its loan book, particularly its lending to property and construction

In Britain, where the bank has £3.3 billion worth of nonperforming loans of £1 million or more apiece, 55 percent of them are to property or construction companies. Imry, a property concern that went into receivership last year, accounted by indifferent property concern that went into receivership year, accounted by itself for £240 million

of the bank's increase in bad-debt provisions. Mr. Buxton, who has held the top post for less than a year, referred to the bank's debt problems as something that came "out of the past." Although he was its managing director and a board member previously, he insisted, of the bank in that period,"

Barciays executives say they expect bad debt provisions to decline this year, allowing the bank to return to profit. But Mark Rorison, an analyst with Nikko Securities, said Barclays would have to make a profit of more than £600 million to raise its dividend again, and he and some other analysts expect the bank to post pretax earnings of only around £400 million a year from now. That would still be well below last year's depressed profit of £533 million, and far from the £1.4 billion profit Barclays posted in 1988.

Britain's biggest bank, meanwhile, is ex-pected to suffer this year from the deepening economic slump on the Continent. Its operations in both France and Germany had losses last year. Mr. Buxton conceded that Barclays may have overpaid for its banks in both countries. "I suspect the price would have been lower if we bought them today," he said.

Had it not been for bad debts, 1992 would have been a good year for Barclays; its operating profit rose 18 percent, to £2.4 billion, partly from its success in cutting costs. Its British operations started 1993 with 6,400 fewer staff members and 189 fewer branches It expects to shutter a further 350 of its 2,300 branches over the next two years.

In common with other big British banks Barclays also profited from last autumn's turmoil in the currency markets, as its earnings on foreign-exchange transactions rose by £70 million.

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market euphoria, analysts said.

billion in the reserves fund.

verts to Chinese rule.

Salomon Loss **Underlines Risk** In Rate Decline

By Michael Quint New York Times Service

NEW YORK - Salomon Brothers said Thursday it had a loss of \$250 million in the first two months late in securities, currencies and of the year, a reminder that firms commodities, as well as various futhat earn big profits on speculative trading also run the risk of compa-

The loss at Salomon - widely signal that some Wall Street firms have had trouble profiting from the heavily as Treasury bond prices rose nearly 10 points, or \$100 for each nearly 7.5 percent in early January pension and retirement obligations. to 6.72 percent now.

"I expect other firms have had losses due to the drop in rates," said Perrin Long, an analyst at First of Michigan Corp. He noted, however, that few firms come close to matching the trading size of Sal-omon, which had \$159 billion of assets at the end of last year.

The company said that trading for its own account, rather than on behalf of its customers, was responsible for the loss. It declined to explain how the loss occurred, what kind of securities were involved, or

December when Chinese threats when it became apparent.
On Feb. 16, when Salomon issued \$200 million of preferred against the colony wiped billions Forecasts of surging profits for major companies and the spending stock, it did not warn investors about any large loss in the current quarter. Robert Baker, a spokesplans in the 1993 budget added to man for Salomon, declined to say The talks broke down in October whether the extent of the loss was after the governor of Hong Kong, known on Feb. 16, though he did Chris Patten, introduced a political say, "if we thought there was some-thing that needed disclosing, we would have disclosed it."

reform package to increase the fran-chise of directly elected seats in the Hong Kong legislature before 1997. "Right now the priority on both Although Salomon Brothers has spent years trying to expand into sides is moving in the direction of corporate finance and investment negotiations, not creating road-blocks," said William Overbolt, banking, it is still known primarily as a trading firm. Trading profit in managing director of Bankers Trust in Hong Kong, Analysts believe the real issue is 1992, a year in which the company carned \$550 million, was robust enough to indicate that the firm how much Britain leaves in Hong had recovered from its Treasury auction scandal. Salomon paid Kong's kitty when China takes charge in 1997. Beijing has said there has to be a minimum \$25 \$290 million last year to settle charges arising from improper bid-

ding at Treasury bond auctions.
News of the two-month loss was surprising enough that Salomon's stock fell \$1.75 Thursday to close at Mr. Macleod estimated there would be 78.4 billion Hong Kong dollars, or about \$10 billion, in the colony's reserves by the time it re-\$39.75 on the New York Stock Exchange. Because the loss was not

The loss was blamed on "groprietary trading," a risky but often profitable activity in which Salomon uses its own money to specu-

Donald Howard, Salomon's chief financial officer, told analysts that the \$250 million loss for the first two regarded as the biggest, boldest months did not include the possible trader in the bond market — is a complete loss of Salomon's investmonths did not include the possible ment in the White Nights oil project in western Siberia. That investment big decline in interest rates this year. carried on Salomon's books at \$86 Traders who expected prices to re-million, has been jeopardized by

Russian tax policies. He also said the \$250 million loss did not include a \$65 million charge \$1,000 bond, while yields fell from to be taken this quarter for future

Firms Face Stiffer Rules In Russia

MOSCOW - Foreign companies operating in Russia may soon lose a number of benefits. according to a report Thursday

by the Interfax news agency.
Enterprises with foreign capital, particularly those involved in the export of natural resources, stand to lose licensing and tax privileges if recommendations being considered by Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin become law.

The Committee of the Congress of People's Deputies has recommended that foreign exporters should be subject to the same customs conditions as Russian enterprises. This would mean the withdrawal of export tax concessions that have been granted to several oil-producing joint ventures.

Separately, James Berg, the acting president of the Over-seas Private Investment Corp., a U.S. agency that insures American investments overseas, said at a Senate hearing on Wednesday that the odds of a major political crisis in Russia in the next six months were increasing.

(Reuters, Knight-Ridder)

China Mutes Criticism of Hong Kong

HONG KONG — China made massive spending program on Center at Hong Kong Polytechnic. Wednesday, including money to over Hong Kong's announcement clean up Hong Kong's polluted that it would run a series of deficit harbor, as well as to build a major one reason for China's meabudgets between now and 1997, when the territory reverts to Chi-

"We hope that the Hong Kong British government will stick to its prodent financial policy of balancng revenue and expenditure so as to March 31, 1994. Last year, Hong contribute to Hong Kong's economeign Ministry, Li Jianying, said at a surplus by the end of the year, weekly briefing in Beijing. "China could see the deficit bud-

French Contracts Frozen

In Retaliation by Beijing

PARIS - China has frozen some 2 billion francs (\$363 million) of

telecommunications contracts in retaliation for France's sale of

state-of-the art fighter planes to Taiwan, a spokesman for Alcatel-

CIT said Thursday.

"These contracts, which should have been signed at the end of

1992, are suspended, we do not know for how long," the spokesman for the telecommunications concern said. Alcatel specializes in

Beijing has threatened on a number of occasions that it would retaliate against Paris after four French companies signed a deal to provide Taiwan with 60 Mirage 2000-5 fighters, worth 21 billion

Until now, sanctions had consisted of the closing of the French

consulate in Guangzhou, but observers now fear other French

companies could suffer the wrath of the Chinese leadership.

Other French companies with big projects in China include an aluminum works by Pechiney SA, an underground-rail network planned by Matra SA and a nuclear power station by GEC-Alsthom

and Electricité de France.

However, the Alcatel-CIT spokesman added that other contracts with regional Chinese authorities had not been affected by the

Beijing move.

Alcatel-CTT fears the freeze could mean it will lose out to its rivals, notably American Telephone & Telegraph Corp., Siemens AG and LM Ericsson AB. Last week, AT&T signed contracts with Taiwan

The China market is particularly hucrative and competitive given

the country's marked desire to step up its improvement of its

exchanges for telecommunications networks.

francs, in November.

tary, Hamish Macleod, offered a Chan, head of the China Business highway to China, a new hospital, and an extension to Hong Kong's Convention and Exhibition Center.

Mr. Macleod forecast a 3.4 billion Hong Kong dollar (\$435 million) deficit for the fiscal year ending Kong had a 20.5 billion dollar sur-

weekly briefing in Beijing.

"China could see the deficit budget as a conspiracy," said Thomas

sured response may be talks behind China that have been going on for several weeks. Both sides have been trying to restart negotiations on the territory's future. In fact, the prospect of a thaw in

relations between Britain and Chiic prosperity and smooth transfer," plus. Mr. Macleod said the deficit na helped Hong Kong stocks soar the spokesman for the Chinese Forwas modest and could even become to record levels on Thursday. to record levels on Thursday. The blue-chip Hang Seng index ended at a record 6,467,80, up from

6,436.64 on Wednesday and some

Mainland Firm Buys Control of

HONG KONG - Shares in

Kong-listed real estate concern. Laws shares jumped nearly 30 percent, to 3.35 Hong Kong dollars 43 U.S. cents), from 2.60 dollars when they were last traded on the

The transaction, which was announced by the companies late Wednesday, is seen by analysts as the latest back-door listing on the Hong Kong exchange by a major mainland-owned entity. A commamainland-owned entity. A compa-ny controlled by China National Nonferrous Metals Industry Corp.

been at least six similar takeovers by Chinese-controlled concerns of listed Hong Kong companies.

Laws Property

Laws Property Holdings soared Thursday following the announcement that a company controlled by a major China-based corporation was buying 67.7 percent of the Hong Hong Kong. (Reuters, Bloomberg)

Thursday following the announcement that a company controlled by plaint," said Marshall Byres, a tax specialist with Ernst & Young in preferred stock issued in February was buying 67.7 percent of the Hong

Hong Kong Stock Exchange. The shares had been suspended from trading on Monday, pending the announcement of the takeover.

is making the bid, which values Law at 938 million dollars. In the last six months there have

Virgin Refuses to Take Silence Vow

telecommunications network.

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

LONDON — Virgin Atlantic

Airways is willing to accept £9 million (\$13 million) in compensation
from British Airways PLC for a
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Will Whitehorn, a spokesman for Virgin, said BA wanted a commitment that would prevent Virgin, especially its founder and chairman especially especia said. "We're willing to compromise on the money, but not on the issue and the condition that goes along

with the payment." He added: "Branson would never be able to make any further comment on the issue, and that is unimaginable. Imagine if he was doing an in-depth interview with Bloomherg and wasn't able to com-ment on the affair. It's ludicrous; you can't suddenly erase history."

Virgin wants a "legally water tight agreement" that limits British Airways' ability to poach passengers, for instance by offering BA upgrades to passengers who had arrived for a flight in a limousine by Virgin, or to passengers who were flying half of their trip on BA and the other half on Virgin.

Virgin also wants BA to compete only on the basis of "quality and price of product," and is no longer 11 % 11 % demanding that BA give up any of 16 % 18 % its landing or takeoff slots at 12.9 7.29 Heathrow airport, London, as part. of an agreement, an executive close to the negotiations said.

Mr. Branson has made it clear that he does not intend to be silenced about the campaign, which has given the fledgling airline front-page coverage in most Butish national newspapers on a regular

FIDELITY SPECIAL GROWTH FUND

Société d'Investissement à Capital Variable Kansallis House

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders of FIDELITY SPECIAL GROWTH FUND, a société d'investissement à capital variable organised under the laws of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg (the "Fund"), will be held at the principal office of the Fund, Kansallis House, Place de l'Etoile, Luxembourg, at 11:00 a.m. on March 25, 1993, specifically, but without limitation, for the following purposes:

- Presentation of the Report of the Board of Directors.
- 2. Presentation of the Report of the Auditor.
- Approval of the balance sheet and income statement for the fiscal year ended November 30,

Discharge of the Board of Directors and the Auditor. Election of six (6) Directors, specifically the re-election of Messrs. Edward C. Johnson 3d,

Barry R. J. Bateman, Charles T. M. Collis, Charles Fraser, Jean Hamilius and H. F. van den Hoven, being all of the present Directors. Election of the Auditor, specifically the election of Coopers & Lybrand, Luxembourg.

Declaration of a cash dividend in respect of the fiscal year ended November 30, 1992. Proposal, recommended by the Board of Directors, to amend Article 16 of the Fund's Articles of Incorporation to delete the specific limitations in the nature of investment safeguards set forth therein and to substitute more general language, in order that all of the Fund's investment safeguards may be determined by the Board of Directors in its discretion, subject to the requirements of Luxembourg law and regulation. Copies of Article 16 as proposed

to be amended may be obtained from the Fund at its registered office in Luxembourg and are being mailed to all registered shareholders with this Notice of Meeting.

Proposal, recommended by the Board of Directors, to amend the Fund's Investment Management Agreement with Fidelity International Limited ("FIL") by adding a new Section 16 to specify the basis on which FIL, as Investment Manager, may delegate, with the Board's consent, FIL's responsibilities in respect of portfolio management for the Fund, and to amend Section 10 of the Agreement to state the responsibility of FIL for such delegee's actions pursuant to such delegation. Copies of Sections 10 and 16 as proposed to be amended may be obtained from the Fund at its registered office in Luxembourg and are being mailed to all

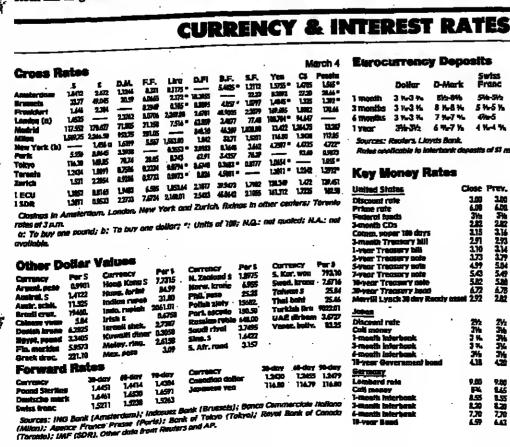
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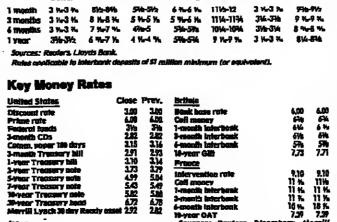
Approval of items 1 through 7 of the agenda will require the affirmative vote of a majority of the shares present or represented at the Meeting with no minimum number of shares present or represented in order for a quorum to be present. Approval of item 8 of the Agenda will require the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the shares present or represented at the Meeting at which a majority of the outstanding shares must be present or represented; if a quorum is not present, then at the adjournment session of the Meeting, approval of item 8 shall require the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the shares present or represented at the Meeting with no minimum number of shares present or represented for a quorum. Approval of item 9 of the Agenda, including at any adjourned session of the Meeting, will require to affirmative vote of a majority of the shares present or represented at the Meeting at which a majority of the outstanding shares are present or represented. Subject to the limitations imposed by the Articles of Incorporation of the Fund with regard to ownership of shares which constitute in the aggregate more than three percent (3 %) of the outstanding shares of the Fund, each share is entitled to one vote. A shareholder may act at any meeting by proxy.

Dated: February 18, 1993

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS







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MARKET DIARY

Stocks End Lower On Poor U.S. Data

NEW YORK - Sobering oews on the U.S. economy pushed stock prices modestly lower on the New York Stock Exchange on Thurs-day, yet record-low Treasury bond yields averted a plunge in the equity market,
"It wasn't much of a sell-off,"

after two days of gains, said Dale

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Tills, manager of institutional equities trading at Charles Schwab. "We need a few more days like this to work off the overbought condition. Stocks are still a great place for your money to go, the way bonds continue to rally."

The Dow Jones Industrial Average fell 5.13 points to 3,398.91, led by Aluminum Co. of America and Philip Morris Cos. Among broad market indexes, the Standard & Poor's 500 Index eased 1.92 to 447.34, and the Nasdaq Combined Composite Index went down 3.20

"The economic recovery is not

very robust," said Robert Stovall. president of Stovall/Twenty-First Advisers. "All week, we've seen signs that the first quarter will not

Declining stocks oumumbered advancers by 8 to 7 on the New York Stock Exchange. Trading was sluggish by recent standards, with about 230 million shares changing hands. The slowdown in turnover reflected investor reluctance to risk big positions before Friday's employment report for February, traders said.

MARKET: Bond Yields Tumble

(Continued from page 1)

straight day as the news raised expectations of lower interest rates. Bonds have rallied because of con-tinued low inflation and because of expectations that President Clinton's plan to cut spending and raise taxes will slow the economy.

"There's a growing expectation

Foreign Exchange that the next move is more likely to be an easing" of credit instead of a tightening, said Terrence Pigott, a trader at Daiwa Securities Ameri-

ca. "People are jumping on the eas-ing bandwagon," he said. Ecocomists were particularly worried about Thursday's jobs claims numbers because fewer new jobs would curb consumers' incomes and constrain the vigor of the recovery, which has been driven

by consumer spending. "At the very least, it suggests we're still not seeing any significant job growth," said Fred Leiner, market strategist at Continental Bank.

The news from U.S. retailers, which reported February sales figures on Thursday, also does not suggest much for the economy, said Mary Rooney, an economist at S.G. Warburg & Co. Wal-Mart Stores Inc., for example, said samestore sales in February were un-

changed.
"This suggests we're going to do see a weak retail sales number next week," Ms. Rooney said. "There's a good chance it may even be nega-

Thursday's numbers were the

show the rate of growth of the fourth quarter," be said.

Tobacco stocks cootinued to slump after Prudential Securities lowered its rating oo Philip Morris and RJR Nabisco to "hold" from "buy." On Wednesday, two coogressmen introduced legislation that would raise the federal excise tax on cigarettes to \$1 a pack from the current 24 cents. Philip Morris fell 1 1/4 to 65 3/8, and RJR slipped 3/8 to 8 3/8, after rising earlier this week on plans to issue a new class of stock tied to RJR's

On Monday, the National Association of Purchasing Management said its index showed that manu-facturing is still expanding, but at a slower rate. On Wednesday, sales of new homes posted their largest decline in 11 years while the index of leading economic indicators, the government's key barometer of future growth, posted a slim 0.1 per-cent gain for January.

"I think the economy is still growing," said Mr. Leiner of Continental Bank. "It's just not growing as fast as it was a couple of months

■ German Rates Unchanged The dollar fell Thursday after the German central bank left key interest rates unchanged at its biweekly policy meeting, Bloomberg Business News reported from New York. "The lack of a rate cut from the

Bundesbank was a disappoint-ment," said Albert Soria, foreignexchange manager at the Finnish bank Kansallis Osake Pankki.

In New York, the currency was quoted at 1.6399 DM, down from 1.6454 on Wednesday, and at 116.80 yea, up from 116.685. The dollar ended at 1.5201 Swiss

francs, down from 1.5228, and at 5.567 French francs, down from 5.5835. The pound firmed to \$1.456 from \$1.4505.

The German discount rate remains at 8.0 percent and the Lombard rate is at 9.0 percent.

Germany's partners in the Group of Seven leading industrial countries have made no secret of the fact they would welcome anoth-

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Oil Prices Hit 4-Month High

NEW YORK — Petroleum prices finished at their highest levels since late October on Thursday. Buying intensified after sellers did not try to take profits from the rally, analysts said.

and news affecting the market. They said that once crude

Pepsi Invests \$750 Million in Mexico

NEW YORK (NYI) - The global expansion of American cola compa-

NEW YORK (NYT) — The global expansion of American cola companies gathered pace as Pepsi-Cola International said Thursday it would invest \$750 million over the next five years in its operations in Mexico. The announcement came eight days after Coca-Cola Co., the world leader in carbonated beverages, said it would spend \$150 million over the same period for new or existing facilities in China.

Pepsi's investment in Mexico is designed to bring Pepsi products into regions they have not reached or saturated, including three in which Pepsi intends to spend \$115 million in joint ventures as the first phase of the expansion — Guadalsiara, Monterrey and the Mexico City suburbs of Toluca and Tlanepantla. They three areas reflect a combined population of nearly 6.6 million people.

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In each area, Pepsi will become an equity partner in the local bottling operation, which effectively gives Pepsi personnel influence in marketing, advertising and distribution strategies.

Mulford Will Head CS First Boston

NEW YORK (Bloomberg) — David C. Mulford, the former undersecretary of the Treasury and vice chairman of First Boston Corp., will be named chairman and chief executive of First Boston's parent, Credit

Named charman and chief executive of First Boston's partial Suisse-First Boston, at year-end.

He will succeed Hans-Joerg Rudloff, who will join Credit Suisse First Boston's board, the banking company said Thursday.

Mr. Mulford is already deputy charman of CS First Boston. In addition to becoming chief executive of the overall organization, he will also become president and chief executive of Financière Credit Suisse First Boston, making him responsible for the international holding commany's overallors in Funne, the Middle Fast and Africa. 1.52 R.56 11.40 11.40 +0.51 11.55 R.57 R.58 11.40 +0.51 11.55 R.57 R.59 R.50 +0.60 11.55 R.50 R.50 R.50 +0.60 R.50 R.50 R.50 R.50 +0.60 R.50 R.50 R.50 R.50 +0.60 R.50 R.50 R.50 R.50 R.50 +0.60

company's operations in Europe, the Middle East and Africa. SCI to Cede Control to Perelman

NEW YORK (AP) — SCI Television Inc. sought protection Thursday under federal bankruptcy laws and said it had already reached agreement with key creditors on a plan that would give control to the financier Ronald O. Perelman.

Mr. Perelman, who controls Revion Inc., would get a 52 percent stake in SCI in exchange for a \$100 million investment in the company, which crumbled under the weight of nearly \$1.3 billion in debt.

It would be Mr. Perelman's first foray into broadcasting and he is

reportedly already examining possible alliances with other large station groups on obtaining programming and selling advertising.

SCI said in its prepackaged Chapter 11 bankruptcy filing in Wilmington that its bank lenders and a majority of its unsecured debtholders had agreed to terms of the reorganization.

Philip Morris Rules Out Cadbury Bid

NEW YORK (AFX) - A spokesman for Philip Morris Cos. said Thursday that the purchase of the British chocolate manufacturer Terry's means the U.S. company is not at present looking to buy Cadbury-

Schweppes PLC.

"We never officially comment on market rumous for obvious reasons, but if a deal to buy Cadbury-Schweppes was in the works, we would not have bought Terry's," the spokesman said.

Before Wednesday's announcement of the Terry's purchase, for £220 million (\$210 million) is such at the base approach that Philips Morries.

million (\$319 million) in cash, it had been rumored that Philip Morris might be interested in buying Cadbury-Schweppes.

U.S. Upholds Steel Dumping Duties

WASHINGTON (Knight-Ridder) — The U.S. International Trade Commission, in a final ruling, voted unanimously Thursday to impose duties on subsidized steel-product imports from Britain, Brazil, France and Germany that it says are harming the U.S. steel industry,

The decision covers certain hot-rolled lead and bismuth carbon steel products made in the four countries and sold in the United States at less

than fair value, the ITC said.

The ITC began its investigation in November 1992, after petitions were filed by Inland Steel Industries Inc. and the Bar, Rod & Wire Division of Bethlehem Steel Corp.

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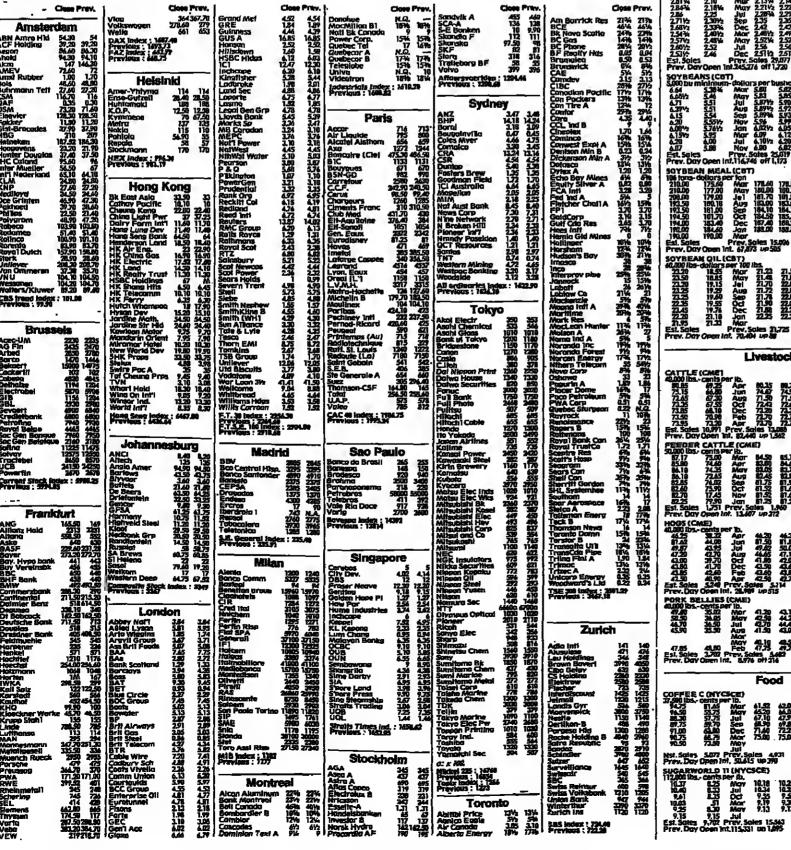
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Light sweet crude oil for delivery in April settled at \$21.07 a barrel, up 59 cents, on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The last time oil had finished above \$21.00 was Oct. 28, at \$21.12.

Analysts and brokers said there was little fundamental or supply-and-

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ew York Times Service PARIS -- Underlining the European computer industry crisis, the French state-owned Compagnie des Machines Bull announced Thursday a 1992 net loss of 4.72

billion francs (\$850 million).

The result for Bull in which International Business Machines Corp. took a 5.7 percent stake last year, was markedly worse than its 1991 loss of 3.3 billion francs.

The 1992 loss included a special provision of 2.4 billion francs. More than half of this sum will be spent to cover restructuring costs, including probable layoffs this year of about 3,000 of the company's 35,000 em-

his over the past three years. Sales last year fell 9.8 percent over 1991, to 30.19 billion france. The company said one-third of the decline in sales was due to currency fluctuations.

The results were in line with the general shump in the European

Paris and Rome To Fund SGS Research Effort

Reuters PARIS - The French and Italiansgovernments will each contribute 2.55 billion francs (\$459 million) to a 9.43 billion franc research and development program that SGS-Thomson Microelectronics BV will carry out up to 1996. the French trade and industry minister, Dominique Stranss-

Kahn, said Thursday. The French-Italian chipmaker should also soon receive from the two governments the first installment of a previously agreed upon capital increase, he said.

France and Italy agreed in November to plough \$1 billion in fresh capital into the chipmaker and to support its research and development.

In 1992, both governments made a first payment of 450 million francs for research and development and should pay over the next few days \$250 million each in the first stage of the capital increase, Mr. Strauss-Kahn said.

"Its a matter of days," he said of the payments, which were initially due in December.

computer business. Manufacturers including Olivetti of Italy and Siemens-Nixdorf of Germany have faced substantial losses recently in the face of stiff competition, plunging prices for personal computers and a European recession.

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Business is bad almost everywhere in the computer industry, and the Bull results are hardly surprising," said Mary Tonnaire, an analyst at Dataquest in Paris. The price war will continue into 1993, and the winners will be those, like Compaq, who can adjust most quickly."

While Bull's recently appointed chief executive, Bernard Pache, and other executives underlined the fact that the company had narrowed its operating loss in 1992 to the equivalent of \$121 million, from \$205 million the previous year, the results were clearly a disappointment. Bull which owns Zenith Data Systems in the United States, had planned to achieve break-even on its operations

The company's chief financial officer, Jacques Lebhar, described current market conditions as "simply terrible," and said prices for microcomputers had fallen 50 percent last year in Europe.

He declined to set a new target

for Bull to break even on its current

operations. But he said the company had opted to make heavy provisions this year in order to improve its future results, and said the net loss in 1993 would be much lower. Bull last made a profit in 1988. The company has been the object of endless strategic wranging as the country's socialist government has wrestled with how best to safeguard its future. Never, however, has the French state's commitment to possessing its own computer industry wavered and huge amounts of public money have been injected into the company, most recently a payment of 25 billion francs.

BRUSSELS - Banque Bru-

xelles Lambert SA, Belgium's sec-

ond-largest bank, reported a lower-

profit and cut its dividend Thurs-

day and said it was making large

But the chairman of BBL's exco-

utive committee forecast a strong

profit recovery this year.
"We should almost double our

profit if the Beleisn economy is

sound and if the international

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ternational operations.

Philips Recovery Hopes Fade Flat Sales Foreseen After Big 1992 Loss

By Barbara Smit Special to the Herald Tribune

EINDHOVEN, Netherlands - Hopes for an early recovery for Philips Electronics NV grew dimmer Thursday after the company posted a loss of 900 million guilders (\$486.7 million) for 1992, in contrast to profit of 1.1 billion guilders in 1991. Income from operations, at nearly 2.5 billion

guilders, was down 21 percent from the previous year. This excluded provisions for a fresh restruc-turing plan, which will cost about 1.2 billion guilders and eliminate between 10,000 and 15,000 jobs. mainly in the consumer-electronics and related components areas and its Grandig affiliate. Sales rose 3 percent, to 58.5 billion guilders from

57 billion guilders in 1991. But Jan Timmer, the company's president, called the results "disappointing" and said they were mainly due to a major price erosion in the consumer-electronics sector and unfavorable exchange rates. He said selling prices for consumer-electronic products fell an average of 6 percent last year.

Operations at the consumer-electronics division before restructuring charges, showed a loss of 553 million guilders. For the third consecutive year, the company said it would not pay a dividend.

The results were roughly in line with market expectations, partly because some figures had been leaked to the Dutch newspaper Het Financicele Dagblad. Philips shares rose 1.10 guilders in Amsterdam on Thursday, closing at 22.50 guilders.

Philips predicted flat sales this year, and Mr. Timmer said he believed the cutbacks would help improve overall results by the end of the year. However, he declined to estimate group income for 1993, saying results would depend primarily on price movements in consumer electronics.

Analysts welcomed the restructuring plan, which could cut wage costs by 1 billion guilders. but some said it might not be enough.

"Philips is still very unfocused. It still gives the impression that it wants to be present in virtually all areas of high technology," said Andrew Haskins, Philips analyst at James Capel.

Some analysts said Philips could post a slight profit this year. Philip van den Berg, analyst at Goldman Sachs, said: "Market conditions are liketo remain very difficult in Europe for the first half of this year, especially in Germany, but this will be partly offset by improvements in the Unit-ed States. Results should gradually pick up in the

DSM Expects Difficulties to Persist

HEERLEN, Netherlands

DSM NV, the Dutch chemicals company, said Thursday it ex-pected the deteriorating market situation seen in the fourth quarter of 1992 to drag on.

The company said it was mclear how long the present diffi-cult conditions would last. In the meantime, there will not be any significant changes in the market situation compared with the fourth quarter of 1992," it said. In that quarter, DSM recorded its only loss for the year, Includ-

because it has changed its financial

year-end to Dec. 31 from Sept. 30,

had 1991-92 consolidated net prof-

it of 3.60 billion francs (\$106.6 mil-

lion), down 35.8 percent from the

The bank made write-downs and

debt provisions totaling 21.3 billion

francs, compared with 12.2 billion

francs a year earlier, and it cut its

previous year on an annual basis.

ing one-time items, the fourthquarter net loss was 39 million guilders (\$21.2 million).

The company said it expected 1993 first-half results to be "considerably lower" than in the corresponding period of 1992 but it declined to make a forecast for the whole year.

The company blamed a 57 percent earnings drop in 1992 on overcapacity in the petrochemicals sector, the recession in Western Europe, cheap imports from Eastern Europe and the strength

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more than 21 percent. Within Eu-

The situation in Germany is a particular worry to DSM, said the chairman, Hans van Liemt He said economic forecasts for 1992 and 1993 had all proved to

be too optimistic. Despite the grim untlook, DSM is confident it can weather the bad times. It plans to concentrate on core activities in the

coming years. Its strategy involves shedding 3,000 of its 22,400 strong work force worldwide by 1994, Most of the jobs will go in the southern Dutch province of Limburg.

where DSM has its headquarters.

cades of Ostpolitik, Germany is the

chief contributor of modern indus-

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Steel Firms In Germany **Cut Further** Compiled In Our Staff From Dispatches

Germany's largest steel concern, Thyssen Stahl AG, said Thursday it was closing several plants and cutting 4,500 jobs, while at the rival Krupp group an estimated 20,000 workers downed tools to protest planned job cuts there.

The jub losses at Thyssen Stahl are expected to be only the first of what could be 7,000 or more job cuts by the end of the decade, the Dursburg-based company said in a statement that gave "high overcapacity in Europe" as the reason.

In Essen, the chairman of Fried. Knipp AG Hoesch-Krupp, Gerhard Cromme, told striking workers he could not rule out layoffs resulting from plant closures and a reorganization of the group's un-profitable steel division.

He was jeered by around 2,000 workers who had gathered at a steel plant to protest job cuts and a planned closing of a blast furnace. About 20,000 workers at Knipp started a 24-hour wildcat strike Thursday morning.

Separately, about 1,600 East German metalworkers staged wildcat strikes in Brandenburg state to protest the industry's cancellation of wage contracts that had provided for a 26 percent wage increase.

German companies have traditionally relied on attrition and oftheir work forces. But Mr. Cromme, at Krupp, said there were nn longer enough workers close to retirement age to make the neces-sary cuts without layoffs.

The German steel industry expects as many as 40,000 jobs to be lost in the next three years.

(Renters, AP)

EAST: Germany Is Powering an Industrial Rebirth

At Skoda, the workers and their trade union also offer what is often

missing in affluent Germany these

days: a willingness to put in some-

Saturday work is no problem here," said Mr. Köhler. "Last year, we had 22 special shifts." Volkswagen is planning to invest as much as \$5.5 billion in the Czech Republic in the 1990s to bring Sko-

thing extra.

da along as its fourth, least-expensive line - joining Audi, VW, and The VW-Skoda deal, along with a wave of other German business accords, raised early fears in the

Czech Republic that Germany was

seeking to dominate the economy.

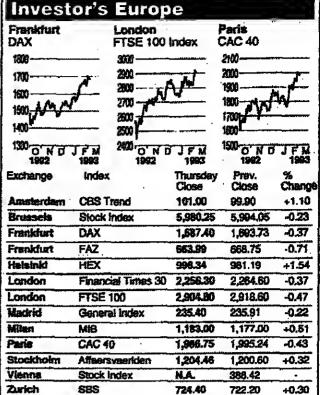
While resentment is still strong there has been no active backlash thus far against German invest "We Czechs are very sensitive well-educated work forces of the about German arrogance because

> manager said. But so far we have had no problems with VW."
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> The Czech prime minister, Vaclav Kiaus, a strong free-market advocate and the most powerful political leader in the country, also expresses little concern about the

Regardless of any latent fears, most analysts believe German economic influence will inevitably pervade the Czech Republic, particu-larly because the varied metalbending industries of the country mesh so well with Germany's tradi-

tional business interests.
The Czech Republic is likely to accelerate its direct foreign investment inflow now that Western investors realize that the Czechs are free of Slovak economic burdens and troubles and that dominant fluence in Bohemia and Moravia is virtually guaranteed," argued a recent report from PlanEcon, a Washington-based economic re-search firm that specializes in East-

other things, better Czech labor



Very briefly:

a Alcatel-Alsthom's chairman, Pierre Suard, said Alcatel might take a stake in France Telecom if the state-owned company were privatized. . Berkeley Group PLC plans to raise £44.1 million (\$64 million) in a onefor-four rights offering at 295 pence per ordinary share.

a Ireland's finance minister, Bertie Ahern, said he did not intend to dispose of the Irish government's entire 30.4 percent stake in the food

group Greencore to a single buyer. fers of early retirement to reduce . Heineken NV reported a rise in 1992 net profit to 564 million guilders

(\$305 million), from 443 million guilders a year earlier. • Robeco NV said it would propose a 1992 dividend of 3.52 guilders.

unchanged from 1991.

 Kemira Ov reported a 1992 pretax loss before appropriations of 338 million markkaa (\$56.4 million), compared with a loss of 522 million markkaa a year earlier.

 Spenish chemical-industry unions will stage a strike at all Ercros SA plants from March 17 to 23, union officials said. Outokumpu Oy reported a 1992 loss after financial items of 454 million

markkaa, compared with a 1991 loss of 716 million markkaa.

• Svenskt Steal AB, the Swedish steel manufacturer, reported a loss after pet financial items of 165 million kronor (\$21.4 million) for 1992, compared with a profit of 218 million kronor in 1991.

■ Ladbroke Group PLC said a £146.7 million real estate provision sent pretax profit numbling to £40.1 million in 1992 from £210.4 million the

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Hoechst Denies Cancer Risk

FRANKFURT — Hoechst AG said Thursday a toxic substance that escaped from its Frankfurt plant and blanketed a suburb with a sticky yellow film had not caused any increased cancer risk.

Wolfgang Hilger, management board chairman at the German chemical concern, said a series of human errors was to blame for the Feb. 22 leak, and he promised improved safety measures. "We can tell you there is no augmented risk of cancer," he said.

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economy recovers slightly," Daniel Cardon de Lichtbuer said. . BBL, reporting 15-month figures Brussels exchange. Div Yid PS 160s High Low/Letes/Chige High Low Stock

BBL's Profit and Payout Fall

ment by Fiat SpA -is taking over net dividend to 100 francs a share for now as the investment leader, from 140 francs, BRL said the Germany nonetheless remains the write-downs and provisions covsingle largest trading partner of both countries. With the intimate ered all its known potential loan losses as of the end of 1992. BBL shares rose 90 francs to 3,390 francs in active trading on the knowledge and personal contacts built up by German business through historic tradition and de-YIS PE 100s High Low Lobert Drive

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rope, France was far behind Ger-Western trading partner of every many with less than 15 percent of European country in what was once the Soviet empire. In Hungary, where the United States has been the biggest inves-tor, and in Poland, where Italy— with the huge \$2 billion commit-Within Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union as a whole, German business accounts for about 35 percent of the total forcien investment so far. Just as that long-time business interest in Eastern Europe is ready to start paying off, however, Germany is confronting a stark dilem-ma. Mired in recession, faced with a serious underlying competitiveness problem and bogged down in the swamp of reunification, Ger-

man industry cannot easily afford the investment needs of Eastern Europe. But it cannot afford to ignore them, either. In the longer run, the low-cost, East are a potential savior to German industries plagued by rising costs, rigid rules, and lagging Western markets. For the immediate future, however, political leaders in Germany fear that any strong shift in basic manufacturing to Eastern Europe will simply mean lost jobs

This is already starting to happen. Late last year, for example, VW's luxury division, Audi AG. canceled a proposed engine plant in Eastern Germany—where labor costs are rising rapidly toward Western levels—in favor of building one in Hungary.

Volkswagen, in announcing de-tails last month of its plan to climinate 36,000 jobs over the next two to three years across its worldwide operations, disclosed that the 17,000-employee Skoda operation in the Czech Republic would emerge unscathed from the cut-Meanwhile many German com-

panies, fearful of the recession, are simply withdrawing into their shell.

"Eastern Enrope is Germany's new frontier," said Ulrich Ramm, chief economist for Commerzbank in Frankfurt. "But the downturn in the report added, "assures, among the report added, assures, and the report added, Germany makes it difficult to justify almost any new expansion at the moment. So while investment outside Germany is continuing, it is at a slower pace. Companies are most

a stower pate. Companies are first worried about the problems of just keeping what they already have."

That may not be so easy. VW's Skoda plant highlights the challenge posed to basic Western industries. dustries as Eastern Europe moves to a market economy. Labor rates instance, are as little as one-fifteenth the gross compensation to German workers in Wolfsburg, and about one-tenth the cost of labor in Spain. The average worker on the assembly line, of which about 40 percent are women, takes home about \$200 a month, while highly trained engineers are paid an average of \$300 a month.

Despite the wide disparity in wage rates, there is no similar gap in capability. "The workers in my country are as good as they are in Germany," boasted Karel Dyba, the Czech minister of economics. "And probably better than the

workers in Spain. True or not, Skoda employees are at least being given the tools to compete with similarly run auto factories in Western Europe. While far from the standards of the best flexible, or "lean," production plants in Japan and the United States, productivity at the Skoda factory jumped by at least 20 per-cent after VW did little more than simply clean up the factory floor and wash the windows. It is expected to continue rising by more than 10 percent annually, according to VW's Volkhard Köhler, vice chairman of the Skoda board.



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Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the shareholders of DAIWA CAPITAL - L.C.F. EDMOND DE ROTHSCHILD INTERNATIONAL EQUITTY FUND will be held at the registered office of the company on March 15th, 1993 at 12:00 a.m.

I. Approval of the report of the Board of Directors and the report of the Auditor. 2. Approval of the financial statements for the year ended December 31st, 1992;

Discharge to the outgoing Directors in respect of the carrying out of their duties for the year ended

Re-election of the Directors for a new statutory term except Mr. Tetam MORISHIGE and Mr. Ken GRAHAM who did resign:

Ratification of the appointments of Me. Akiyushi OTANI in replacement of Mr. Telsus MORISHIGE and Mrs. Anne de la VALLEE POUSSIN in replacement of Mr Ken GRAHAM; Appointments of Mr. Patrick La FOSSE and Mr. Geoffroy LINARD de GUERTECHIN as

Resolutions on the above-mentionned agenda will require no process and the resolutions will be powed at a simple amjarity of the shares present ar represented at the meeting.

8. Any other business.

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Matra Seeks to Block Ford-VW Plant

BRUSSELS — Matra-Hachette SA said Thursday that it had lodged a complaint with the European Court of Justice over the EC Commission's approval of a joint venture be-tween Volkswagen AG and Ford Motor Co. to build a car plant in Portugal.

The French holding company, which is the inventor and maker of the Renault Espace minivan, said that it had filed a complaint 10 days ago to the Luxembourg-based Court of First Instance because the commission's decision in December was "excessively favorable" to Ford-Volkswagen.

The commission approved the joint venture because it said it would favor job creation, boost technological innovation, and help new entrants onto the market, which is currently

The Portuguese plant will have the capacity

to produce 190,000 minivans annually when it

opens in 1996.
Matra-Hachette is objecting because 190,000 vehicles would give Ford-Volkswagen around 50 percent of the European market by 1996, the

Last year 100,000 minivans were sold in Europe, 65,000 of which were the Renault Espace model. The director general of Matra-Hachette, Frédéric D'Allest, told journalists at a news conference that his company expected demand rise to 400,000 by 1996.

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The complaint is the second Matra-Hachette has made to the European Court of Justice, the EC's highest legal authority, relating to the Ford-Volkswagen plant. The court is set to rule before April 28 on a complaint over an earlier EC decision to grant 750 million E us (\$885 million) of regional aid to the plant. million) of regional aid to the plant.
"The plant won't produce more than 5,000

jobs," said Mr. D'Allest. He compared the money granted for the Ford-Volkswagen plant with the proposed 240 million Ecus of EC regional aid to cushion the effects of planned restructuring in Europe's steel industry, where between 50,000 and 100,000 jobs could be lost.

He also pointed to mass layoffs planned by both Ford in Britain and Volkswagen in Germany. "Is it really reasonable to sacrifice millions of Ecu for the new Ford-Volkswagen plant when those same companies are shedding thousands of jobs elsewhere in Europe?" Mr.

He said that Matra-Hachette had developed a third generation of Renault Espace minivans to be launched when the company saw fit.

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Profitable Brierley Is to Raise Funds

WELLENGTON - New Zeabillion a year earlier.
The chairman, Bob Matthew, land's Brierley Investments Ltd. posted an improved six-month net profit on Thursday despite its denessed Bruish hotel operations, and then surprised the market by asking shareholders for more funds

to pay for acquisitions.

RIL, the investment company founded by Sir Ron Brierley and now run by proteges who ousted him, reported a profit of 112.7 mil-lion New Zealand dollars (\$58 million) for the six months to Dec. 31, up 24.5 percent from the year-earli-er period. BIL said it was confident

of an increased annual result, too. But BIL shares fell 9 cents to 1 that as the market reacted to the would issue one interest-bearing convertible note for every eight shares held, at 85 cents per note, to raise 270 million dollars. me in the six months fell 60

percent to 1.1 billion dollars. Debt

Compass Goes Into Voluntary Receivership

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispotches SYDNEY — Sonthern Cross Airlines Holdings Ltd. said Thursday its Compass Airlines unit would go into voluntary receivership after failing to secure a rescue package of 9.2 million Australian dollars (\$6.5 million).

Southern Cross said it had sought the appointment of a receiver-manager, who would be instructed to continue commercial operations during talks with bankers to save Compass.

· Trading in Southern Cross shares was suspended Wednesday at the company's request pending resolution of the financial problem.

Compass last week announced a half-year loss of 10.9 million dollars, which far exceeded the full-year loss of the airline's prospectus.

Company officials said last week that the airline had secured the funding package but was negotiating for an additional 10 million dollars following its half-yearly loss.
(AFX, Bloomberg)

said the group's operating compa-nies contributed two-thirds of the overali profit. BIL has more than 30 percent of its assets tied up in Mount Char-lotte PLC, the British hotel concern of which it owns 70 percent. Hit by Britain's recession, Mount Char-lotte had a profit of just £21 million (\$3.03 million).

Earnings from all British investments, hit by the pound's devalua-tion, fell to 5 million dollars from 123 million a year carlier.

Mr. Matthew said better performance in New Zealand units reflected corporate restructuring and an improving local economy. Air New Zealand, in which

Briefley holds 35 percent of the Class A shares, has reported an 8.7 percent rise in half-year profit.

The New Zealand bnewer DB Group, formedy known as Magnum Corp., returned to profit in the letest half, Brierley said. Brierley holds a

27 percent investment in DB. Briedey said investments in Australia turned to a profit of 23 mil-lion New Zealand dollars. (Reuters, Bloomberg, AFX)

M News Corp. Issues Notes News Corp. amounced plans Thursday for a convertible debt issue to raise between 450 million and 500 million Australian dollars (\$318 million to \$353 million), which analysts said would repre-sent a dilution of Rupert Mur-doch's 34 percent family stake in the media giant, Agence France-Presse reported from Sydney.

In the latest of a series of moves to reduce bank debt, the company said one of its subsidiaries would issue liquid yield option notes, due in 2013, exchangeable for common shares in News Corp.

June Debut In H.K. for China Firm

Bloomberg Business News HONG KONG - The first of China's state-run compa-

nies wishing to list shares in Hong Kong will probably de-but in June, the chief executive of the Hong Kong Stock Ex-change said Thursday, First to the gate is expected to be Shanghai Petrochemical Paul Chow said at an Ameri-

can Chamber of Commerce huncheon that the only hold-up in listing the companies was compliance with Hong Kong's listing rules and regulations. Protection for minority

shareholders has been a particular stumbling block, he said. China has no laws protecting minority shareholder rights. Beijing said in October that nine state-run companies would be permitted to raise capital by listing in Hong Kong, But to list shares, the companies must comply with exchange disclosure rules, something they have never had to submit to before.

The "China Nine," as they are known in Hong Kong, include large industrial companies from every corner of the The debut of Chinese stocks will change the face of the col-ony's exchange, which is large-

ly made up of smaller, light-industrial companies.

The Chinese companies will provide a good mix for investors to choose from when they look to the Hong Kong market," Mr. Chow said. "We're going to see the Hong Kong market develop hand-in-hand with China."

India to Ease Currency Rules

Reform Plan Brings Fresh Liberalization

NEW DELHI - Finance Minister Manmohan ed eurlier: Singh revealed Thursday that he planned further easing of exchange controls as part of his economic

In an interview with the Economic Times, published Thursday, Mr. Singh said his weekend budget was designed to consolidate a reform program that has

reversed four decades of socialism and to revive industrial growth hurt by earlier cuts in spending. Although Mr. Singh floated the rupee on Tuesday, he said other exchange controls remained. Many of these would be lifted over the next 18 months and

would mean the rupes could be traded under freemarket conditions for travel abroad, the repatriation of profits by multinational companies and for trade purposes. The rupee has strengthened this week. Mr. Singh promised further reforms, including cuts in subsidies, possible decontrol of oil prices and intro-

duction of a labor policy, easing strict rules against firing workers that make foreign companies leary of entering the market. (Reuters, Knight-Ridder) John Ward Anderson of The Washington Post report-

The Indian government has proposed broad economic measures to entice foreign investment, un-shackle the purchasing power of India's huge middle class and boost sales of Indian goods abroad.

The proposals are among the most significant in an economic liberalization process that was begun 20 months ago and that is designed to dismantle India's Soviet-style command economy and replace it with a free-market system favored by the West.

At its core, the program is designed to propel India into the global market by making it easier and cheaper for foreign companies to do business here, lowering the cost of imported raw materials and making Indianmade products more competitive.

The plan would drastically lower India's protection ist tariff rates, some of which are as high as 150 "This is a very, very good step forward," said Sam Singh, president of Du Pont Far East Inc. and head of the American Business Council in During percent, and reduce excise taxes on domestic goods.

The 'Big Bull,' Dehorned for Now

been seen to be a crime."

to 300 percent," he said.

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15 percent whereas the returns in the

capital market were averaging 200

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Whatever the truth of Mr. Meh-

By Anil Penna

BOMBAY - Harshad Mehta, the immensely wealthy broker at the heart of India's stock-market scandal, says that all he did was to help bankers arbitrage from the modest yields of the money market to the then-spectacular returns of

Mr. Mehia, 40, was known as the "Big Bull" who moved the market almost single-handed when he was arrested last land 17 and 17 and 18 arrested last land 17 and 18 arrested last land 18 arrested last arrested last June. He spent 110 days in jail, charged with fraud for his alleged part in siphoning off \$1.8 billion from the interbank money market to play the stock market.

The market boom that he helped to fuel turned to bust last April, wiping billions of dollars off share values and triggering a broad re-vamping of the operations of major to look back on the Bombay Stock

banks, including foreign ones. The market still has not fully recovered. Exchange's boom with longing. The Bombay index is middling around 2,500, having been as high In an interview, Mr. Mehta said he had done nothing wrong "All the players in the mades were following the same pure were following the same pure with the same pure were following the same pure with the same pure were following the same pure with the same pure were following the same pure were following the same pure with the same pure were following the same pure were following the same pure were followed by the same pure were were followed by the same pure were well as the same pure well as the same pure

After Saturday's budget an-nouncement, including a floating rupee and tax cuts, failed to spark a the same system. We never thought it was criminal." He asserted that in rally, The Pioneer newspaper asked India, "capital creation has always if Mr. Mehta's absence was paving the way for a bear hug this year.

In the interview at his seafront In last year's affair, Mr. Mehta home in Bombay, he spoke of his

very solid future plans, very ag-gressive and ambitious plans." "If God wills, I will reach much higher heights," he said. "But I will do, not talk. If I point a finger at someone and say I plan to do business with him, the government will come down on him."

Mr. Mehta estimates his bank liabilities from the affair at between 80 billion and 120 billion rupees (\$267 million and \$400 mil-lion), but said he had enough wealth to meet them. He has been barred from selling off assets, including an apartment complex with a vast garden, a billiards room, a mini-auditorium, a nine-hole golf

ourse and a fleet of 29 cars.

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Very briefly:

Investor's Asia

 Sales in Japan of imported motor vehicles rose 11 percent in February from a year earlier, to 14,117 units, marking the first increase in five months, the Japan Automobile Importers Association said.

Rayong Refinery Co. said it had signed a letter of intent with a consortium of Raytheon Co. and Fluor Corp. for a \$2.2 billion refinery in Thailand; Rayong is a joint venture between Royal Dutch/Shell and the state-owned Petroleum Authority of Thailand.

NKK Corp. said its U.S. subsidiary National Steel would invest about \$130 million to upgrade blast-furnace facilities at two of its works.

Metalleesellschaft AG has formed a joint venture with Padaena Ind Co. to set up a \$320 million lead and zinc smelter plant in Thailand according to Padaeng, which will own 51 percent of the venture.

 Tantex Distinct Corp. has signed a 9 billion Taiwan dollar (\$349 million) contract to explore for crude oil in China's southwestern Sichuan province, according to news reports in Taiwan.

Toshiba Corp. said it had started selling high-speed semiconductor circuits for use in notebook-sized personal computers.

 Seangyong Oil Refining Co., South Korea's third-largest refiner, said its net profit source 91.5 percent to 77.2 billion won (\$97 million) in 1992. The rise reflected foreign-currency gains and higher interest income since a capital injection by Aramoo, the Saudi Arabian oil company, which purchased 35 percent of Ssangyong.

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Microsoft Warns Japanese on Software Piracy

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatch

TOKYO - Microsoft Corp., seeking to "educate" Japanese computer makers, on Thursday said it was warning them of legal action if its products are pirated.

Microsoft, the world's top maker of personal computer software, said it would notify 50 Japanese computer and software companies by letter that it may take legal action against companies that copy its software products without authorization.

"Our goal is to educate and possibly start cleaning up the market," said Kei Mozita, spokeswoman at Microsoft's Japan unit. She said it was hard to estimate the scale of piracy in Japan but Microsoft wanted to nip it in the bud.

Microsoft has decided to get tough at a time of increasing tension between Japan and the United States over high-technology fields seen

as keys to economic growth.

A Microsoft official said the company was taking the lead in highlighting a problem that concerns software companies all over the world and one that is not taken as seriously in Japan

U.S. companies regard Asian countries as lax on enforcement of computer software copyright laws.

Microsoft is the maker of MS-DOS, the world's most widely used personal-computer operating system. The company also sells ing and business software pack-

ages and has a 44 percent share of the world personal-computer software market, according to the industry analysis Dataquest Inc.

Users of Microsoft products in Japan include NEC Corp., Japan's largest maker of personal computers, and Fujitsu Ltd., the world's second largest computer manufacturer. Computer makers in Japan acknowledge that software piracy is also a problem for them. But

they say they may have a high-tech solution.

Pajitsu is looking at magneto-optical disk technology to provide a defense against pirates. Using the large storage space of these disks, a computer operating system as well as software could be stored on one locked disk that could (Bloomberg, Reuters) not be duplicated.

Hang Seng Bank Profit Rises 26%

LONDON — HSBC Holdings PLC said Thursday that its Hang Seng Bank Ltd. unit's profit rose 26 percent, to 5.7 billion Hong Kong dollars (\$737.3 million) in 1992, from 4.5 billion dollars in 1991, Earnings per share rose to 3.83 dollars from 3.04 dollars. The company plans a final dividend of 1.17 dollars a share and a special dividend of 2.7 cents a share— for a total for the year of 2. dollars a share, up from 1 dollar in 1991 - and two stock dividends totaling three new shares for every 10 shares held. Midland Bank

PLC, also owned by HSBC, posted sharply higher profit Wednesday.

Ford to Buy Orbital Engines

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Orbital Engine Corp. said Thursday that Ford Motor Co. had confirmed its intention to purchase its two-stroke engines from a plant in Michigan for evaluation. Orbital also said its profit for the six months to Dec. 31 fell 54 percent to 4.56 million Australian dollars (\$3.23 million).

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Hurley Sets Assist Mark As Duke Sinks Maryland

Now there's no one for Bobby

Duke's point guard supreme be-came the NCAA's all-time assist leader Wednesday night with 12 in his final home game. He also scored 19 points in a 95-79 victory

His fifth assist of the game, a pass to Erik Meek with 11:02 left in the first half, gave Hurley 1,039 for and moved him past Chris Corchiani of North Carolina State.

"I don't think anyone thought before the game that it would be Erik," Huriey joked. "He had a high target and 1 was able to get him the ball. It wasn't anything that we ran It was Erik. He wanted it, he made the play, and I just

Hurley has been the director of the Blue Devils since the first game of his freshman season, taking them to three straight national championship games and consecu-tive NCAA titles. He has an NCAA tournament record of 17-1 and, with Duke ranked sixth, will get a chance to improve that mark in a

couple of weeks.
"I'm glad that Bobby broke the assist record here," said the Duke coach, Mike Krzyzewski. "It's something that we all share in.

"It's kind of crazy. He's done something that no one else has done. What a neat thing to be able to coach a kid who has done something that no one else has done."

Duke (23-5, 10-5 ACC) had this

one wrapped up by halftime, when it had a 53-29 lead. There was good news for the Blue Devils before the game when Grant Hill appeared in uniform for the first time since he sprained the big toe on his left foot Feb. 13. Although Hill took part in pregame warmups, he did not play for the fifth straight game.

"This has been a long stretch without Grant," Krzyzewski said, "They've performed unbelievably well."

Especially Hurley, who has averaged 14 points and 13.8 assists -including four straight double-dou-

bles — since Hill went down.

"It's something I'll always remember," Hurley said of the record. "With all the player's who've played the game, I'll be the only one who'll be able to say they're the top assist

led by Kevin McLinton's 22 points.

No. 1 North Carolina 83, No. 14 Wake Forest 65: The Tar Heels (25-3, 13-2 ACC) carned at least a share of the regular-season title for the 14th time as they beat Wake Forest at home for the 11th consecutive time. Eric Montross missed only one of seven shots and had 17 points as North Carolina won its first game as the No. 1 team in the country and its eighth in a row.

The Tar Heels, who reached 25 victories under the coaching of Dean Smith for the 16th time, used a 19-1 run in the first half to break a slump and tragedies took their it open as they shot 61 percent from the field in the first half.

Randolph Childress' 16 points led Wake Forest (18-7, 9-6), which lost for the third time in four

the Southeastern Conference East Division title with the victory at Mississippi, their 79th in 87 games against Ole Miss. Kentucky shot 57 percent from

the field in the first half and forced

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

14 turnovers on the way to a 49-32 halftime lead. Jamal Mashburn had 22 points and 13 rebounds for the Wildcats, who are one game behind Vanderbilt in the standings, each with a game to play. Joe Harvell and Kevin Watkins had 21 points each for the Rebels (9-16, 4-11). No. 8 Kenses 94, Nebraska 83: The Jayhawks (23-5, 10-3 Big

Tickets on Sale For Tournament

The Associated Press OVERLAND PARK, Kan-

sas - Ticket applications for the 1994 semifinals and final of the NCAA tournament in Charlotte, North Carolina, are now available, the NCAA said. Applications can be obtained by calling 900-646-1994, 24

hours a day, seven days a week, or by writing the NCAA at 1994 Final Four Tickets, 6201 College Boulevard, Overland Park, Kansas., 66211-2422. The telephone calls will cost \$1 for the first minnte and 50 cents for each additional min-

All tickets are \$65 and are good for the semifinals April 2 and the championship game

April 4.
Applications must be re-ceived by April 30. A random computerized drawing will be held in May and applicants will be notified about June 30.

66: The Wildcats (22-3, 12-3 SEC)
kept their hopes alive for a piece of
the Southeastern Conference East
Adonis Jordan, Rex Walters and Eric Pauley all reached double fig-ures in their final home game.

Kansas, which won the title for the 41st time, led by 10 points at halftime and came up with a 13-4 run when Nebraska (19-6, 7-6) got within 57-51. Steve Woodberry led Kansas with 26 points, the most scored by a Jayhawk in two years. Eric Piatkowski had 23 points for the Combuskers. No. 10 Seton Hall 79, Boston

College 61: The Pirates (23-6, 13-4 Big East) clinched at least a share of their second straight regular-season title and improved their home record to 14-1. Terry Dehere finished with 21 points and Seton Hall took control early, taking a 37-22 halftime lead in winning its seventh straight and eighth in nine games. Howard Eisley had 15 points for the Eagles (15-10, 9-8), who lost for the fifth time in seven games. A loss to Providence in the season finale on Saturday would drop Boston College into seventh place in the

No. 13 Arkansas 88, Louisiana State 75: The Razorbacks (19-6, 10-5 SEC) wrapped up first place in the Southeastern Conference West Division in the last game at Barnhill Arena, played before an arena-record crowd of 9,660. Next sea-son, Arkansas moves into 18,000plus seat Bud Walton Arena, An 18-1 run in the first half broke it open as Arkansas took a 51-34 halftime lead. Corliss Williamson led Arkansas with 19 points, while Jamie Brandon topped the Tigers (19-9, 8-7) with 16.

No. 24 Purdue 61, Michigan State 58: The Boilermakers (18-8, 7-8 Big Ten) had to hang on to win on the road. They led 42-30 with 12 minutes to play, but Michigan State (14-10, 6-9) had two chances to tie in the final seconds. Glenn Robinson led Purdne with 18 points, while Shawn Respert



Alae Abdelnaby of the Celtics found J.R. Reid's face useful on this shot, while the Spurs again took it on the chin, 132-91, as they lost for the sixth time in eight games since winning 18 of 19.

Sabonis and Real Madrid: Ticket to Top?

MADRID — Arvidas Sabonis. leader — at this point anyway."

Maryland (11-14, 2-13), which
hasn't beaten Duke since 1988, was pass to Ricky Brown to set up an easy basket. It is a combination that has lifted Real Madrid back to the summit of European basket-

> "Sabonis' passing game is good, he's always looking for the open man - we both look for each other season NBA player with Golden State and Atlanta. "We're a complete team now, and he is a big

Real Madrid was the powerhouse of European basketball until toil a few years ago. But thanks to Sabonis, Real is for real again.

The Spanish club is a heavy favorite to win its first Spanish league record seven times,

ing to be a very good team, but the addition of Sabonis this year has given us intimidation and defensive rebounding we didn't have," said the Real Madrid coach, Clifford Luyk, a U.S.-born Spaniard. We have the best front line in

sh last season after George Karl left to coach the Seattle Supersonics of the NBA.
"I think we could hold our own

with six or seven of the lower eche-lon teams in the NBA," Luyk said. Most of them don't have a Sa-Sabonis was one of the world's best big men until a serious Achil-

les' tendon injury slowed him in the late 1980s. Although drafted twice by NBA teams, he opted for Eutitle since 1986 and also favored in the European Cap — symbolic of the Continent's best club — which redal in the 1988 Olympics, helped

it last won in 1980 and has won a record seven times.

"We were on the verge of return—bounds this season—is reported to European Cup would go with the

can't - physically I just can't. This ally took citizenship here. He Europe," said the 51-year-old is a good team for me. I get the played more than a dozen seasons Luyk, who guided Real Madrid to a rebound — we run as much as for Real Madrid and was on six possible - so I can stay back on European Cup teams. His son, Serthe defensive end and not run the floor."

If it isn't Sabonis feeding 6-9 Brown — probably the league's for the job several times — and he best power forward -it's the "second line" of 6-11 Antonio Martin pounding the ball inside to 7-footer Fernando Romay on what must be Europe's tallest team.

lapsing on Sabonis. The team's the Italian league leader, Knorr Bo-

be the only foreigner in Spanish others."
basketball earning more than \$1 Some of the credit for Real Ma-"Sure. I'd like to play in the star at Florida who was drafted by NBA, I've said it hundreds of times," said Sabonis, 27. "But I came to Spain instead and eventugio, is a 6-9 sophomore star for the St. John's Redmen.

Real Madrid passed over Luyk was fired twice by two weak Spanish league teams - before being picked as a stop-gap when Karl

American 3-point ace Mark Cup quarterfinal play next Thurs-timpson keeps defenses from col-day in a best-of-three series with only weakness seems to be ball- logna. The four quarterfinal winners move on to the final four April "T've played my whole life on 13-15 in Athens.

Buckner to Coach Lowly Mavericks

The Associated Press DALLAS - The Dallas Mavericks, the team with the worst record in NBA history, on Wednesday selected Quinn Buckner as their coach. Buckner, an analyst for NBC on

coach in the club's history. Buckner has said that his contract with the network would prevent him from taking over the job

league telecasts, will be the fourth

The interim coach, Garfield Heard, has been told he will coach the Mavericks for the rest of the season. Heard replaced Richie Adubato, who was fired on Jan. 13. Buckner, 38, has no previous coaching experience. He played on

an college basketball champion-ship team at Indiana in 1976 and won an NBA championship as a member of the Boston Celtics in 1984. His 10-year pro career began with the Milwaukee Bucks in 1976 and ended 10 years later with the Indianapolis Pacers.

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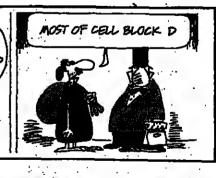




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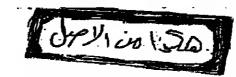






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Antwerp Foiled By Bucharest

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatche With a first half goal by forward Gahriel Moya, Atletico Madrid got. a 1-1 draw Thursday against Olympiakos Piracus in a first-leg quar-terfinal match of the European Cup Winners' Cup tournament.
That made Atlético's effort to

are more to the semifinals easier, with the second-leg match to be played in Madrid on March 18. Before a crowd of 53,000 in Athens' Olympic stadium, Atletico ap-plied its usual forcing tactics while Olympiakos counterattacked. In the fourth minute, Manuel Al-

fare missed on a good scoring op-portunity with a shot that hit the But six minutes later, Moya, af-

ter a perfect pass from German midfielder Bernd Schuster, easily beat goalkeeper Giorgos Mirtsos from close range.

Mexican forward Luis Garcia

also hit the crossbar in the 21st minute, and Atlético lost yet anothminute when Mirtsos stopped a penalty kick taken by Alfaro. Olympiakos came close to scor-ing in the 12th minute, but goal-teoder Ahel Resino Gómez

stopped a shot by Portuguese striker Daniel Batista. Olympiakos regrouped at half time and fied the score in the 64th minute with a goal by forward Giorgos Vaitsis after a center from

Sotiris Mayrommatis. But that was the only ball to get past Gomez, who blocked a series of shots in helping his team pre-

Aniwerp 0, Steams Bucharest 0: In Antwerp, the Romanian team pulled out a tie in another first-leg

Antwerp dominated the match. but failed to crack a Romanian

defense in which goalkeeper Dumi-tru Stingaciu was outstanding. Antwerp's Bosnian midfielder Dragan Jakovljevic came close early in the match, but his header went

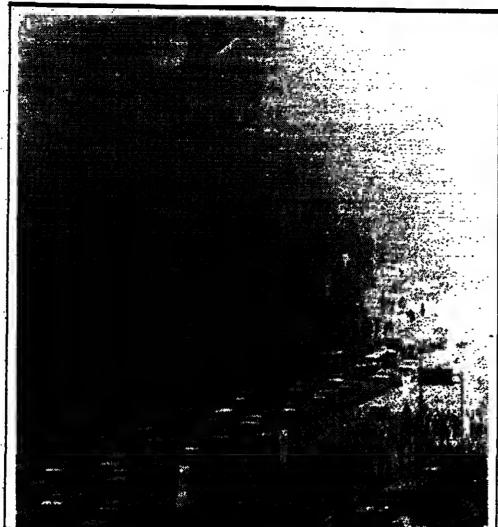
ust past the post. Veteran striker Alex Czerniatynski and German import Hans-Peter Lehnoff also wasted chances to put Antwerp ahead in the second

- . . . Steaua defender Bogdan Bucar was expelled and four of his teammates cautioned as the Romanians played up to their tough reputa-

Benfica 2, Juventus 1: In a UEFA Cup first-leg quarterfinal match in Lisbon, midfielder Vitor Pancira scored twice to beat the Italian team.

Pancira opened the scoring in the 12th minute off a backheeled pass by Ukrainian teammate Sergei

Gianluca Vialli tied the score from the penalty spot in the 59th minute after Benfica goal keeper Silvino Louro fouled Andreas Möller. But Benfica got the winning goal from close range in the 76th minute. (AP, Renters)



GAMES FACE —Beijing, two days before an IOC inspection group's visit that will help decide whether the city wins the bid for the 2000 Summer Games, was blanketed in smog Thursday.

IAAF Says Drug Test on Johnson Showed High Testosterone Level

LONDON - Ben Johnson showed unusually high levels of tes-tosterone in one of three recent drug tests, officials of the International Amateur Athletic Federation said Thursday.

"Of the three controls, there was one whose results appear suspicious," said Ame Ljungqvist, chairman of the IAAF's drug commission. "We will be examining those results Friday."

The five-member panel will meet in Paris to discuss the test carried out on Johnson at a Jan. 17 meet in

Johnson faces a lifetime ban because he was suspended once be-fore, in 1988 at the Olympics in Seoul. He was also stripped of the gold medal he won and the world record he set in the 100 meters before testing positive for steroids. According to IAAF sources, the

first and third tests taken in Canada were negative, while the second showed high levels of testosterone, a steroid-related substance that enables athletes to train more strenuously and recover more quickly.

Testosterone is listed under the category of anabolic steroids in the International Olympic Committee's anti-drug charter. It is a male hormone that normally exists in the body at a ratio of 1-to-1 to another hormone, epitestosterone. A ratio

The IAAF first declined to confirm or deny that Johnson was under investigation, then announced that its drug panel would meet in Paris to discuss Johnson's test.

"Originally the commission planned to meet at the end of the indoor season, but oow that the story's out, we must have a decision quickly so that the world knows what's going on," said the IAAF's general-secretary. Istvan Gyulai. In addition to Ljungqvist, the

members of the drug commission are Dr. Gabriel Dolle of France, Professor Manfred Donike of Germany, Professor Antonio Dal Monte of Italy, and the American lawyer Frank Greenberg.
Johnson is not expected to at-

tend the meeting, nor are any of his representatives. The IAAF said that is customary for commission

If the panel confirms a posiove finding. Johnson will be suspended immediately, pending an appeal hearing. Any hearing would be conducted by Athletics Canada, the nation's governing body for track and field. Final recourse would be an appeal to an IAAF arbitration panel.

· Earlier, Filip Bondy of The New York Times reported: Canadian officials are working behind the scenes to persuade Johntrack and field championships.

Athletics Canada said it had oot received a positive test regarding Johnson from either the Canadian Center for Drug-Free Sports, or from the IAAF. But according to two international track and field officials close to the situation, Athletics Canada has been urging Johnson to retire from the sport for the past two weeks, since rumors began percolating about a possible

The world indoors champion-ships will take place in Toronto next week, and officials are deeply concerned that Johnson's problems will command more attention than

positive test.

The Toronto Star reported Wednesday that Johnson bad showed a high level of testosterone. He was tested three times over a six-day period in January, after meets in Hamilton, Ontario, Montreal and Toronto.

Johnson immediately denied the use of testosterone or any drug, issuing a statement Wednesday through the Toronto law firm of McMillan Binch. "Mr. Johnson de-nies taking any prohibited substance or engaging in any improper practice since his return to compe-

tition," the statement read. Johnson's manager in Toronto, Kameel Azan, said his client had

surpassing 6-to-1 is considered a son to retire before the world comes no intention of yielding to any positive test.

Toronto next week for the indoor pressure to quit the sport.

This is a manager's nightmare. Azan said. "We're just disillusioned about the whole thing. Nobody has a positive on him. He doesn't take this thing lightly, believe me. We're just hoping and praying this thing goes away.

Johnson, who has been coached recently by Percy Duncan of Toronto, appears ready to battle any conviction or penalty. He stands a fair chance, because testosterone levels are slippery gauges. Some American stars have escaped punishment despite ratios close to 8-to-

Duncan, 74, said he was "in space right now" and added, "Let's wait to hear what the IAAF has to

Reports about Johnson's training routine began in earnest in Barcelona, at the 1992 Summer Olympics, when several newspapers reported that the sprinter was back ith his former coach. Charlie Francis. Johnson failed even to qualify for the finals of his specialty, the 100 meters, but made bead-lines nonetheless for being banished after a tussle with a security

Francis denied Wednesday that he had resumed any relationship with Johnson. "I wasn't with him in Barcelona, and my passport proves

Deal-Making Snails Ahead In Baseball

Contracts are still in the news, but most of the numbers being discussed at this time of year are thousands, not millions.

The Atlanta Braves have threatened to renew Deion Sanders's contract Thursday. The Braves ne-gotiated with Sanders' agent, Eu-gene Parker, until late Wednesday night but could not agree on either a one-year or multiyear deal.

The Texas Rangers renewed

1992 home run champion Juan Gonzalez's contract after the two sides could not agree on a deal. The difference in proposals be-tween the two sides on a one-year contract was so great that we were

unable to reach an agreement," said the Rangers' general manager, Tom Grieve. Rodriguez made \$525,000 last season when he hit 43 home runs. "A renewal is not something that

Grieve said. Gonzalez, who hit 260 with 109 RBIs in 155 games last year, will be eligible to file for salary arbitration

after the 1993 season. Outfielder Moises Alou of the Montreal Expos also had his contract renewed. Alon, runner-up in National League rookie of the year voting last year, refused to sign for the club's last offer of \$210,000, so he was renewed at what he and his



circumstances, that was the only Lou Piniella, the new manager of the Seattle Mariners, turned poser for photographers outside the training camp in Peoria, Arizona. way to resolve the situation."

figure, possibly \$200,000.

Alon followed through on a tana. outs after talking with his father and the Expos' manager, Felipe

agent predicted would be a smaller Brian Barnes, first baseman Greg White Sox chairman of the board, Colbrunn and catcher Raul San-

threat to boyout the start of spring training Feb. 27, holding out for two hours. He then joined workon a one-year deal worth a reported \$350,000. Carlton Fisk, the 45-year-old

Also having their contracts re-newed by the Expos were pitcher face an ultimatum by the Chicago

Jerry Reinsdorf, to report by Wednesday - the mandatory reporting date - or risk having the

\$800,000 offer rescinded. Injuries are continued to be reported. Dave Fleming, Scattle's winningest pitcher, is undergoing tests to determine the cause of recurring discomfort in his pitching elbow. So far, bone chips have been

ruled out, but a magnetic resonance imaging test will determine if the left-hander sustained ligament or

Kansas City pitcher Mike Boddicker underwent arthroscopic sur-

gery on his left knee and is expected to be out two to four weeks. Pittsburgh center fielder Andy Van Slyke had his sore right knee

examined but the magnetic resonance imaging was inconclusive. He was to undergo a CAT scan Thursday. Bo Jackson, playing baseball for the first time in almost a year after

hip replacement surgery, was hobbled by a strained right hamstring as he trotted out two ground balls in a White Sox intrasmad game. "The dirt out there was too soft."

Jackson said. "At least I can see the ball. I'm swinging the bat a lot better than I did last year."

Vote Backs Change In Playoffs, Leagues

PHOENIX - The owners of major league baseball's team gave preliminary approval Thursday to expanded playoffs, interleague play and splitting each league mio three divisions as early as 1995. No timetable was set for the dra-

matic changes, but most owners said two years would be occded. They also cautioned that the changes would oeed approval from the Major League Baseball Players

In two votes, owners directed John Harrington of the Boston Red Sox, chairman of the schedule-format committee, to develop 1994 test schedules that will have three divisions in each league, and versions with and without interleague

Bud Selig of the Milwankee Brewers, who is chairman of the ruling executive council, said both votes were overwhelming but not unanimous, and described them as rington called it "a very important

Owners said 10 to 20 interleague games per season would be included in some draft schedules, and that the interleague games would involve natural rivalries. They said the moves were sparked by a belief that baseball needed to change. "We're in a very competitive

business with a lot of forms of entertainment," Selig sald. There's no industry that can afford to sit back."

The only interleague play since the American League formed in 1900 has been during spring training, the All-Star game and the World Series. The leagues have been divided into two divisions

Whether to change the length of the regular-season schedule from 162 games wasn't addressed in Thursday's votes. That is being left up to Harrington's group to pro-

· Earlier, Murray Chass of The New York Times reported:

As the club owners gathered six months to the day after they asked Fay Vincent to resign as commissioner, there was a growing movement among them to delay the selection of a new commissioner until they have negotiated new labor and television contracts.

A timetable for the selection of a commissioner has not been a topic of discussion at any of the seven owners meetings in the last six months. The debate has been conducted on an informal, low-key basis because oo owner wants to be on record as pushing for the status quo, the absence of a commission-

But the owners also risk further arousing the ire of members of Congress who have been threatening to take action against baseball's antitrust exemption. It was the owners' ouster of Vincent in September that caught the attention of some members of Congress and prompted a bearing of a Scnate committee into the exemption in December.

Thursday Senator Howard D. Metzenbaum, the Democrat from Ohio who is chairman of the Senate judiciary subcommittee on antitrust, monopolies and business rights, and Senator Connie Mack, the Republican from Florida who is the grandson of baseball's leg-endary manager Connie Mack, in-troduced legislation aimed at ending baseball's antitrust exemption.

SIDELINES

Narozhilenko Breaks Record Again

SEVILLE (AP) — Lyudmila Narozhilenko of Russia twice broke her world indoor record in the 60-meter hurdles Thursday, finishing in 7.63 seconds to shave .03 seconds off the mark of 7.66 seconds she had set in a

semifinal heat less than an hour earlier.

The record is the 28-year-old runner's third in the event this week. She ran a then-record 7.68 on Tuesday in San Sebastian, Spain.

For the Record

The Honda Open golf tournament in Hamburg has been moved from October to June 10-13 to fill the gap caused by the previous cancellation of the Monte Carlo Open, the PGA European Tour said.

(AP)

Plans for Atlanta's Olympic Stadium were delayed again when the country board of commissioners voted against a deal letting the Atlanta country board of commissioners voted against a deal letting the Atlanta Braves move into the facility after the 1996 Games.

The Kenya Amateur Athletic Association appointed a five-man panel to meet March 18 to consider the refusal of John Ngugi, the five-time world cross country champion, to take a drug test two weeks ago.

(AP)

Garan Ivanisevic, the sixth seed; No. 7 Andre Agassi and No. 8 Michael Stich were eliminated as upsets continued at the Champions Cup in Indian Wells, California. Alberto Mancini of Argentina defeated Ivanise-vic, Marc Rosset beat Agassi and Fabrice Santoro of France took ont Vic. Marc Rosset beat Agassi and Fabrice Santoro of France took ont

Jockey Club Steps Up Fight Against Drugging of Horses

LONDON — The Jockey Club then, if it is positive, the trainer will Britain by offering a reward of as of security, Roger Buffham much as £5,000 (\$7,250) for infor-

basis next Tuesday. tives being introduced in the wake investigators, defended the deci-of the "nobbling" of Flash Of sion not to publicize the dopings

said Thursday it was stepping up its be absolved of his normal responsi-battle against racchorse dopers in bility," said the Jockey Club's head

Buffham, who comm It is one of a number of initia- of 45 full-time and 90 part-time

Straw last August and Her Honour and said police had leads in both last month, officials said. In the future, trainers and jockeys that suspect that a horse has
stable lad with a smoking syringe, "It is not sufficient to eatch the

mach as £5,000 (37,500) is mation leading to conviction.

A confidential hot line is to be because they would never know if the horse would actually run. He said it would place an uncer-

request a drug test.

"It is very difficult to prove. We have to prove the full conspiracy and who the benefactor was."

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A Fork in the Logic

WASHINGTON — "White tongue," observed several generations of Hollywood Indians, all of whom seemed to know what they were taking about even thought out according to the precept of Chan. This emboddens me to suggest that the president's wife needs to get the fork out of her thinking about health matters. present-day moralizers would probably convict them of political incorrectness in the first degree.

To this day, the words come back to me whenever I contemplate the history of American racial relationships. All unwhite Americans would surely be better equipped for survival if they had grown up in homes with that antique Hollywood-Indian wisdom framed in needlepoint over

It is my belief that oothing is so politically incorrect that childhood's uncorrupted mind cannot extract a ougget of enduring wisdom from it. For years, among the bits of wisdom icked up on the inside of my skull has been a warning from that hope-lessly politically incorrect Chinese detective, Charlie Chan.

Chan was afflicted with an impetuous son who habitually jumped to the wrong conclusion about whatever his father happened to be investigating. Reprimanding this silly young man one Saturday afternoon at the Capitol Theatre, in Belleville, New Jersey, Chan said:

"He who speaks before thinking is like man who fires gun in dark

"Words to live by!" I must have

instantly said to myself. Heeding the wisdom of Charlie Chan, I have thought about this matter in minute detail, including the difficult question of whether to refer to the president's wife as the first lady. My decision: absolutely oot. The word "lady" is odious to language watchers of the feminist movement, which feels protective

of the president's wife.

Feminist lingo usually resolves these difficulties with the word "person," but it would be silly to call the president's wife "the first person." As every survivor of sixth-grade grammar knows, the first person is "I" - "we" in the plural and the instant you, dear reader, suspect another sixth-grade grammar lesson is afoot, you will turn this page into a paper airplane and sail it out the window, right? In short, this subject has been

She is, of course, in charge of creating a sensible health-care program. It is a costly proposition, and speculation encouraged by the Clinton people is that new taxes on tobacco and alcohol will be required to finance the program.

Why, then, has the president's wife banned smoking in the White House? The publicity flowing from her example is bound to be yet another blow to cigarette sales.

She obviously hopes to reduce cigarette consumption while count-ing on increased tax revenue from smokers to pay for health-care reform. Raising the tax while simultaneously trying to cut the oumber of people who will pay it suggests that the health-care financing problem has not been thought out with the thoroughness Charlie Chan would have insisted on. In Hollywood-Indianspeak, it is

forked logic.
Its political wisdom is also questionable. If the health-care program is to be financed by cigarette smokers and cigarette smoking is forbidden in the White House, what are we to think except that the White House is unwilling to pay its fair share of the bill?

Fairness, Stephanopoulos! Fair-oess demands that the White House smoke its fair share.

Charlie Chan might suspect there is more afoot here than meets the eye. It is comforting to think that clean-living, consmoking, conboozing folks can get a nice new health-care program free by riding oo the backs of smoky and It's doubtful that the Clinton peo-

ple really believe this. Surely they are toying with us on the matter of health-care costs, hoping to hold down the bad tax news until their economic program can be enacted.

Meantime, consisteocy might

impel the president's wife not only to drop the cigarette ban in the White House but to urge all Americans to lighten their tax burden by

New York Times Service

Playing on Brains **And Funny Bones**

By Bruce Weber

New York Times Service

New YORK — For anyone who saw
"Largely New York," Bill Irwin's
1989 Broadway show about a clown encountering the city's mundane technology, watching Irwin climb aboard the treadmill at his gym in Chelsea yields a tickle of anticipation. It's a perfect gadget to en-gage Irwin's comic sensibility — modern but ordinary, simple to operate hut a little threatening and maybe even dangerous for

This is just an everyday workout - "Not every day," Irwin says, guiltily — but admits that he's long had it in mind to do a routine set in a gym, and so he begins experimenting. What would happen, he wonders aloud, if he took the warning on the mechine to heart; if you feel faint or the machine to heart: if you feel faint or short of breath stop exercising immediately.

As the conveyor belt continues to convey, Irwin feigns a gasp and ceases to keep up with it. In an acrobatic instant, his feet are out from under him, his head and upper body pitched backward. His hands grab the handrails, hut somehow his legs have be-come tangled up in the frame of the ma-chine, requiring an elastic untwining of himself. He turns the machine off and frowns at it. It's only then that he abandons character. With a groan, he complains mild-ly about getting old. He is 42. "One of the things about clowning is

that you're calling on a hag of tricks that has to be put together over the course of a life." he says. "So I meet kids who are 19 and who are interested in clowning. And I think, 'I wish I had your muscles and your strength. But at the same time, you realize they haven't had time, so that given a comic opportunity they don't have nine different things to choose from."

It is the physical dexterity combined with

a genuinely cerebral bent that gives Irwin's talents their special colors. Impulsive and curious on the one hand, perpetually flum-moxed and chastened on the other, Irwin's onstage personality borrows from both Charlie Chaplin and Emmett Kelly. Asked what he calls himself, he says, "An actor," though, truth be told, it isn't with firm conviction. A little later he says: "I love the word clown. I'm proud of it."

Irwin has appeared in several films (among them "Eight Men Out" and "Scenes From a Mall") and oo television, in his recurring role on the CBS series Northern Exposure." But at the moment, he's concentrating on his second Broad-way show, "Fool Moon," a clown duet with his friend David Shiner, which

opened at the Richard Rodgers Theatre last week to ebullient reviews.

An elaboration of a two-night stand the men performed at the Serious Fun festival at Lincoln Center last summer, "Fool Moon" features the music of the Red Clay Rambiers, a country-ish band. In the show, Shiner and Irwin each perform solo turns as well as bounce off each other, literally and artistically. The show also involves much audience participation, and its creators say it has something of a dramatic line, though how to describe it remains a little mysterious.

"It deals with the place of the clown in the world," Irwin says. "It has to do with making jokes about what we're afraid of." He thinks of it as a family show, particularly appropriate for children. But as in many clown shows, it has a lot of antic danger and last-minute rescue, 2 lot of bopping and bashing.

"It's all about violence," Irwin says, making a clown face and laughing a cha-grined laugh. "Why it's funny. I honestly don't know.

"I've taught a lot of clown shtick," he says, "and a lot of the students, the collegiate students particularly, think: I would never do that sort of clowning. The violence. It's abhorrent to me.' And then, in class, somebody will just get it right, really swing their arm and get it right, and every-body goes, 'Oooooh!'"

The process of making physical comedy, he says, is different from verbal comedy, more primal. But the guidelines are more clusive. What's funny ends up being a matter of what "feels right."

By the same token, he says, people who are not comics tend to see a thing as either funny or oot funny. "But for me," he mes, "in between there's all kinds of gradations. I've been on stage and done something, and it was a pretty big laugh but I thought to myself: 'Ouch! Going in the wrong direction,' because it was a laugh about the wrong thing."

A fair-complexioned, compactly built man with a gentle manner and a voice that bends rather musically in rumination, Irwin lives in a loft near the gym with his wife, Martha Roth, a former actress who is oow a student midwife. They met II years ago, when she was a masseuse and he had a crick in his neck. They have adopted a Guatemalan haby, now 2.

To get to this point, Irwin has traveled a peripatetic path. He was born in Southern California and grew up mostly in Tulsa,

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Oklahoma, where his father worked as an aeronautical engineer. He spent his last year in high school as an exchange student in Belfast. He has a degree in theater arts from Oberfin College in Ohio, and in 1974 he graduated from Ringling Brothers and Bar-num & Bailey's Clown College in Venice,

"I had this weird schizophrenia going," he says. "I was doing work in extremely intellectual, avant-garde, hermetically sealed theater. But then I'd go to the li-

brary and read about clowns."

He says the clown college taught him "what I wanted to learn: how to trip and fall down." The school, where he has since been back to teach, "is a weird and wonderful place." he says.

Irwin lived in San Francisco for 10 years, acting clowning and developing his performance pieces. In 1984 he received a five-year MacArthur Foundation stipend that, he acknowledges, changed his life. "It allowed me to experiment," he says.

"Largely New York" owes its existence to the MacArthur."

Even with television and movies a regular part of his professional life, his talents have been most fully showcased on the stage, both in his own concoctions and in two productions of Samuel Beckett plays. He admits that as an actor he can some

times trip on clumsy clown's feet. "You use different muscles," he says. "Some-times I'll go in for an audition and I'll approach the part as an actor, looking for an interesting tack to take on the text. And the casting person will say to the director.
This is Bill Irwin. I don't know whether
you know him, but he does the funniest
falling-down stuff, ha ha ha ha.' And suddenly I'm thinking I have something to prove. So I'm doing the scene trying to throw some shtick in there to prove how right the guy was, and then I might as well give up because I'm there neither as a clown nor as an actor. I'm stuck some-

PEOPLE

Radio Days With Dad:

Reagan's Son on the Air Reagans redux. Michael Reagan, the adopted son of former President Rouald Reagan and the actress Jame Wyman, has rediscovered his dad and taken to national radio with a syndicated show. The angry young man — who once publicly complained that his father never net his youngest child until she was met his youngest child until she was nearly 2 — is taking a more senti-mental approach. "I spend more time with him now than ever," he told The Washington Post. "I took the initiative of hogging him and telling him I love him." Meanwhile. Ron Reagan is taking another crack at television, this time on the Fox network. The son of the former president and Nancy Reagan will be a correspondent for a prime time news magazine. He used to have a late-night talk show, and was a correspondent for ABC's "Good Morning America."

The Grammy-winning reggae performer Shabba Ranks was pulled from "The Tonight Show" guest imeap because of anti-gay remarks he had made earlier. He later apologized for the remarks, made in De-cember on the British TV talk show "The Word." Ranks had said
"Boom Bye Bye." a song by Buju
Banton advocating violence against
gays, was "most definitely right."
His publicist said he had agreed to produce and distribute a public service announcement opposing violence against homosexuals.

The only known copy of an Oliver Hardy film lost for decades has been presented to the Netherlands Film Museum by a private collector. The film, "A Bankrupt Honeymoon." was given to the museum after a previously lost Stan Laurel film attracted huge attention at the Ollie Centennial in Amsterdam last year, The new acquisition stars Hardy, without his adelcick, Laurel.

A heavy cold has forced Queen Elizabeth to cancel engagements, her second illness in about two months ... In Nepal, Princess Diana spent an hour visiting with patients in a leprosy hospital.

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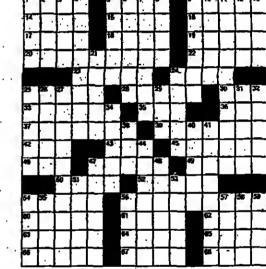
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BOOKS

SWING, SWING, SWING: The Life and Times of Benny Goodman

By Ross Firestone. 522 pages. \$29.95. Norton.

Reviewed by Jonathan Yardley

BENNY GOODMAN lived a long successful and decidedly public life but he was the most private of men, one who kept to nimself just about every emotion save impatience and/or anger with those less gifted and disciplined than he. Though it was self-evident that the driving experience of his life was a needy childhood in Chicago, he rarely talked about this or anything else that carried heavy psychological weight; be believed thoughts to himself, and he practiced as he preached.

His life's story is thus an uncommonly difficult challenge for a bi- od from the mid-30s until the end ographer. On the one hand it contains a public calendar crammed to overflowing with everything from recording dates to night-club appearances to film contracts to Eupean tours, yet on the other hand it offers precious little of the inner self so essential if a biography is to be anything more than a mere cata-

Given that he is up against these considerable limitations, Ross Firestooe must be saluted for inging Benny Goodman back to life in remarkably vivid fashion. To be sure, "Swing, Swing, Swing" will be of interest chiefly to lovers of

that a mao should keep his cally, but their oumbers are far from inconsiderable. Goodman was the most celebrated figure of the swing era, the peri-

> of World War II when hig bands dominated popular music and when isyz came closer than ever before or since to a central place in American mass culture. He was an exquisitely gifted clarinetist and a meticulous, demanding bandleader whose decidedly prickly personal-ity made him more than his share of enemies. He was a central figure in the move of jazz from the nightclub to the concert hall and in the removal of racial barriers from jazz and popular music

He was the son of Eastern European Jews, immigrants who met jazz and popular music, the music moved to Chicago, where Benny of Benny Goodman most specifiwas born in 1909. As a youth he in that city's astonishing jazz world, where black musicians who had come up the river from New Orleans intermingled with young whites eager to learn at their knees. Although Goodman played mostly with white contemporaries, he was heavily influenced by Johnny Dodds, Louis Armstrong and other black greats; the influence was

both musical and cultural. His apprencticeship was long and occasionally hard, but he knew early on that he wanted to lead a band and pressed toward that goal with book itself, a shorter one of Good-single-minded intensity. When at man performances available on last he reached it, he quickly reached compact disks would have been an exalted status in American popu-useful. But these really are quiblar music comparable to that enjoyed by Frank Sinatra.

Eventually, of course, it faded. The story of Goodman's life from the end of the war until his death in

was both participant and observer 1986 is one of attempts to cope with a changing culture. Firestone covers all of this in careful detail. The central figures of Goodman's musical life are all here. So too is his wife, Alice, and the woman with whom he became involved after her death, Carol Phillips.
Firestone's omissions are dis-

tinctly minor. He does not explain why young Benny was allowed by rather than classical music. He also provides no discography; though a full one would be as long as the book itself, a shorter one of Goodbles; "Swing, Swing, Swing" is in all important respects first-rate.

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By Alan Truscott

N the diagram deal, played recently in London in a highstakes game, North might have passed three no-trumps, since his partner was obviously well protected in spades, but he corrected to four hearts. South corrected back to four no-trump, expressing a wish to play that contract. This was right in theory, since a player who bids three no-trump naturally cannot then wish to bid Blackwood, but wrong in practice, since it opened the door to a misunderstand

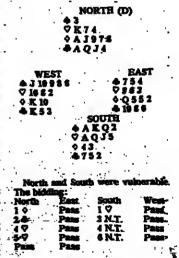
North promptly responded to Blackwood, showing two aces, and a disgrantled South settled in six no-trump. This contract was slightoptimistic, but South could see chances after West led the spade jack and the dummy appeared. He had to work on one of the minor

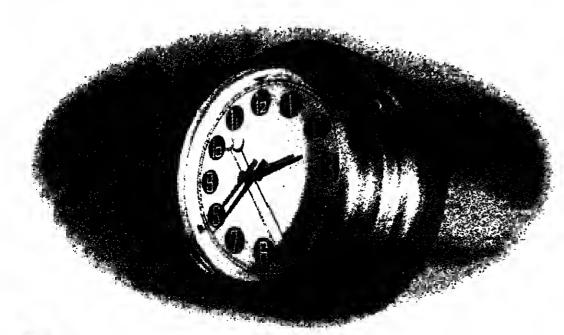
BRIDGE suits, and would have succeeded if he had selected clubs, which hap-

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pened to be well. But after winning the spade lead South led a diamond and West put up the king, a good second-h play. South took the ace, led a heart to the jack, and played a second diamond. He was pleased when the ten appeared, but not quite so the trick. He led another diamond hoping that West had begun with K-Q-10, but was deflated when East took two diamond tricks to defeat the slam.

The East player, who held up his diamond queen promptly and so presented South with a problem, was Robert Sheehan, who has long been one of Britain's brightest stars. If he had taken his queen





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